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◆ Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Classical Bells, a hand bell ensemble, in concert at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

MONDAY, FEB. 23

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. at the Woods Branch Library, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The board packet is available at the each library.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School.
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TUESDAY, FEB. 24

◆ The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. in Room C-11, Brownell Middle School. Members can submit three nature and one color creative image for critiquing. For more information, visit grossepointecameraclub.org or contact the club's president, Mike Florian, gpcc.club@comcast.net.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Reception Room, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The club will hold its annual election of officers. The Hon. Judge Roger LaRose will swear in the new officers. Detroit Free Press columnist Brian Dickerson is the featured speaker. For more information, visit gpdcms.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

◆ Behavior management is the topic to be discussed by Veronica McAtee at the Partners in Parenting meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Vacant houses being torn down

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Whenever Mark Torello comes to town, he knocks down a building and hauls it away.

A couple of years ago it was the old municipal parking structure behind the former Jacobson's building in the downtown shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Now, its six neighboring houses on St. Clair just south of the Village.

Torello and his Port Huron-based wrecking crew have been contracted to tear down the houses, which have stood vacant since Sunrise Senior Living purchased them a few years ago with failed ambitions to build a condominium complex.

City officials got tired of the vacant houses and pressed Sunrise for a solution.

"We said fix them up and rent them out or come up with a plan to do something with them," said City Manager Peter Dame. "They decided they'd be better off tearing them down."

Sunrise retains ownership of the properties.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

See TEAR DOWN, page 7A Demolition crews are knocking down and hauling away six vacant houses on St. Clair, but leaving mature trees alone.

Bledsoe aims for bipartisanship

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Timothy Bledsoe's first substantial vote in the Michigan House of Representatives came at his own expense.

He kept a campaign promise by voting to reduce his salary during economic downturns.

"I hope I don't have too many votes like that," he said.

Bledsoe, the Grosse Pointes' first Democrat state representative and a City resident, co-sponsored a successful House resolution for the State Officers Compensation Commission to cut lawmakers' salaries 10 percent. Cuts would also apply to the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and secretary of state.

Savings are projected to be \$1.2 million annually.

During his campaign, Bledsoe pledged to tie the pay of Michigan's elected state officials to the state's economy. The resolution was his first step toward tying salary raises and cuts to the state gross domestic prod-

uct. "With residents around the state tightening their belts in order to make ends meet, we as lawmakers must lead by example," he said.

Despite the recession, Bledsoe has entered Lansing politics with a sense of optimism.

"Even though there are very difficult times ahead, we'll pull through it," he said. "But, we've got to pull together."

He sees the economic crisis as an opportunity for himself and the state's more than 40 other freshmen representatives to sidetrack politics and work together for a common good.

"We can, in some ways, reinvent government," said Bledsoe, on leave from his political science professorship at Wayne State University. "I just talked with (Republican) Rep. Bill Rogers about a bipartisan caucus we're organizing. I told him maybe it would take one, two, three or four years to build trust across the aisle. Right now, there isn't

'Even though there are very difficult times ahead, we'll pull through it.'

TIMOTHY BLEDSOE,
 State representative



Rep. Timothy Bledsoe

any. That's the kind of investment we need to make in one another — building relationships."

State of the state

Bledsoe said he liked what he heard during Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State address. In her speech, Granholm called for creating good-paying jobs, streamlining state government, environmental stewardship and capitalizing on the federal stimulus package.

"We will live within our means and reform government so that we can relentlessly focus on what everyone in Michigan cares most about — jobs," Granholm said.

Bledsoe said, "I have a hunch she is feeling her way along

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Seminar on appealing tax assessments set

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

If there's one thing that brings homeowners out in droves, it's a seminar on how to appeal tax assessments.

"Last year, we had to turn people away," said Gary Severn, organizer of the free Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Tax Assessment Appeal Seminar at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium. "It was a standing-room-only crowd."

Goals of this year's seminar from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24 are to:

◆ educate residents to understand property tax assessments and

◆ inform residents about the appeal process.

"This year, we're going to change the format," Severn said.

Instead of an expert speaker, he's lined up a panel of local assessors, appraisers and board of review members to provide the public with information how to appeal assessments.

"There will be an opportunity for questions and answers,"

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'You can't travel scared. People are willing to reach out their hands to you'

John Kurap



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
 Family: Parents, Kathy and Michael Kurap; sister, Christine Crossley

Claim to fame: Took a year off medical school to volunteer in poverty-stricken countries.

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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ SHORES SEEKS

BONDS: Shores voters will vote on two separate bond proposal issues for public improvements.

One proposition requests \$140,000 to pay for a water transmission main to be built jointly with Grosse Pointe Woods.

The second proposition, for bonds totaling \$50,000, is for the cost of construction of a garage addition at the village municipal site at Lakeshore and Vernier roads.

◆ **SEVEN-CAR TANGLE ON LAKESHORE:** A driver stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross the road and the result was a seven-car accident on icy Lakeshore Road.

The driver behind the stopped car could not stop his car in time on the icy road and hit the stopped car.

A driver trying to avoid the accident pulled around the accident into the other lane and was hit by another car. Three more cars entered the fray. Two minor injuries were reported.

◆ **ELECTION MARKED BY APATHY:** Only 10 percent of eligible voters turned out to cast ballots in the primary election for a single county office. Grosse Pointe Park, which was also voting for city council members, had the largest turnout at 3,263 voters.

The numbers were far less in the other Pointes where 299 voters out of 4,583 went to the polls in the City; 421 out of 7,700 in the Farms; 40 out of 1,025 in the Shores and 345 out of 10,235 in the Woods.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ BRIDGE WORK

STOPPED: Grosse Pointe

Woods has won a request to delay the Old Eight Mile bridge construction project. The state delayed the date for letting bids for the widening of the freeway cross-over while a traffic study of the area is considered.

The project would double the size of the current two-lane bridge.

◆ SHORES WOMAN

FACES ASSAULT CHARGES: A 55-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores woman faces preliminary examination on charges of assault with intent to murder and felony firearm use in connection with a shooting at a downtown Detroit law office.

The woman allegedly fired four shots at her husband in a conference room where the two were giving depositions in a divorce suit.

◆ **TEACHER RETIREMENT BOOM?:** A retirement bonus bargained into the teacher's union contract may prompt a bevy of retirements this June.

In 1950, the number of teachers employed by the school system was 228. By 1970, that number was 700. Those boom hiring years could lead to boom retirement. The retirement bonus is good for this year only and teachers must notify the board of their intent by April 2.

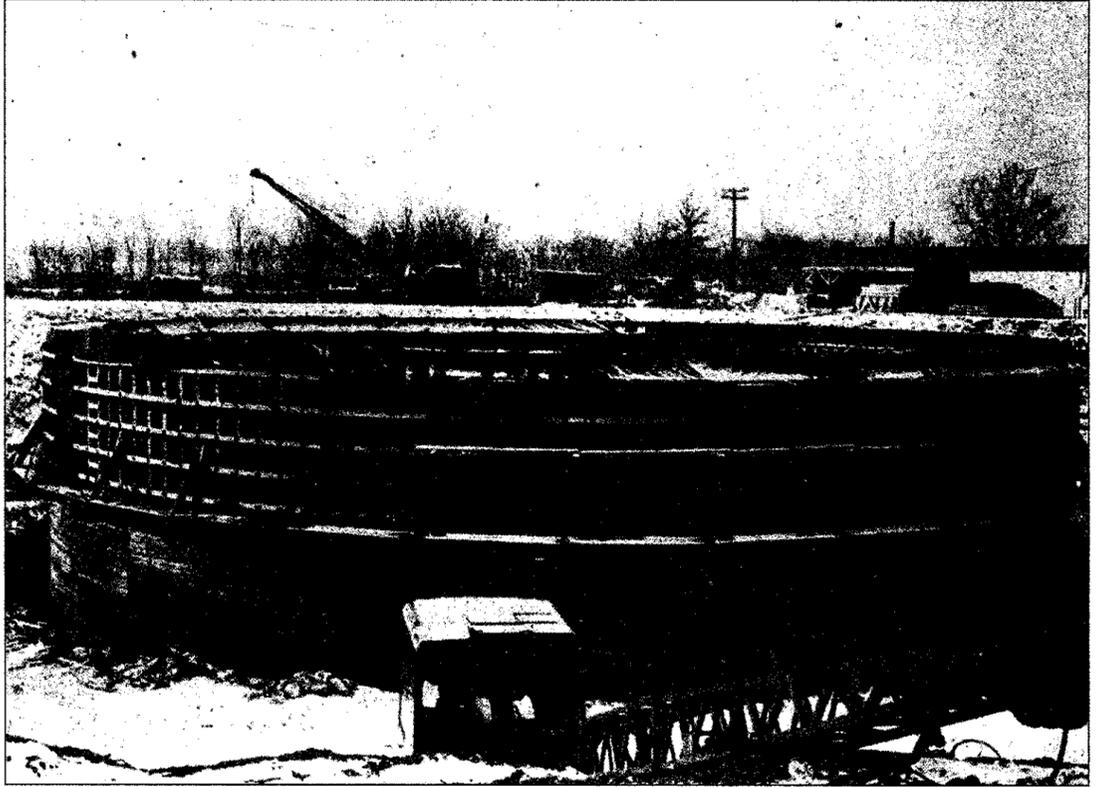
1999

10 years ago this week

◆ **SHORES VOTERS SINK JOINT HARBOR PLAN:** Voters in Grosse Pointe Shores oppose joining the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in an application for a government permit to expand and modernize the joint harbor.

In a heavily contested, non-binding advisory referendum vote, 677 ballots called for the permitting process to be stopped; 520 voters supported the proposal.

◆ **FEDERAL JUDGE CLEARS SHORES COUN-**



FROM THE FEB. 19, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1959: Drain on schedule

This caisson for the pumping station at the Milk River near the Girard Drain, part of the collective Grosse-Gratiot Drain project, is proceeding according to schedule. The fourth 10-foot lift of the caisson had been poured. The superstructure will not be started and the sedimentation tank, called for by the contract, will not be installed until the entire caisson is finished. This is one of many phases in the more than \$11 million drain project, which will benefit the Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores. Completion date for the drain is set for the early part of March, 1960.

CIL: A judge in federal court rejected arguments that members of the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council have a conflict of interest regarding expansion of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club harbor.

Plaintiffs claimed council members who are members of the yacht club have a conflict of interest.

◆ **ACTIVITIES BUILDING APPROVED:** A downsized community center has been approved for the municipal

park in Grosse Pointe Shores. The approved building is 5,400 square feet. A 2,000 square-foot fitness center was removed from the plan after a majority of voters favored the activities center, but not an exercise facility.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STEADY:** Enrollment data in the Grosse Pointe Public School System shows a slight decrease at the elementary and middle school levels and a slight increase at the high school level. Overall enrollment remains steady.

◆ **WATER RATES VARY CITY TO CITY:** As wholesale water and sewage charges to cities vary, so do markups passed along by those cities. Combined wholesale water

and sewage prices based on 1,000 cubic feet — or 7,500 gallons — of water ranged from \$13.99 in Grosse Pointe Woods to \$20.81 in the City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ **SOUTH SPIKERS WIN MAC CROWN:** After a 2-8 record last year in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, the Grosse Pointe South Lady Blue Devils went 8-0 to clinch the division title this year.

— Karen Fontanive

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Election to set community's course

The Tuesday, Feb. 24 election in Grosse Pointe Shores could be about a community by any other name smelling as sweet, or much ado about nothing.

In the two-part election, voters will be asked, firstly, to approve or reject a new charter reorganizing the village as a city. That's the name part.

Secondly, voters can chose a mayor and city council to replace the village's council president and six trustees. Yet, if the charter fails, the mayor and council votes are moot. The current president and council members would retain office until their terms are up as scheduled. That's the much ado part.

Eleven candidates have entered the race. Village President Dr. James Cooper is running unopposed for mayor.

As for candidates for trustee-council, five incumbents and six challengers are competing for six seats.

All candidates were asked to submit to the Grosse Pointe News biographical information and campaign statements explaining why they are running for office and the major issues they face.

Candidates are listed alphabetically with incumbents indicated with an (I) following their names.

—Brad Lindberg

Mayor James M. Cooper (I)

Age: 51
Education: University of Detroit Mercy Dental School, D.D.S., 1984; University of Michigan Ann Arbor, B.S., 1980.

Occupation: Dentist.
Statement
"It is an honor to serve the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores. I truly enjoy my role as an elected official.

The purpose of this special election is twofold. Either accept our new charter as written and complete the transformation to city status or reject it and remain a village. If the charter is approved then a new mayor and city council must be selected. I am unopposed, but the current council has challengers.

President pro-tem Brian Hunt, Trustees Karl Kratz, Fred Mintum, Glenn Peters, Victoria Boyce and Clerk Robert Graziani are experienced, practiced and most qualified to lead us into the future. We work well together and will ensure a smooth transition from village to city status.

Assuming the charter is accepted, whoever is elected must be prepared to act on many ongoing issues. The council is currently dealing with issues including cost containment, home valuations, employee relations, risk management, pensions, budgeting, decrease revenue sharing, utility services and the concerns of residents. An experienced council will be ready to begin from day one.

It has been disappointing to hear some of the 'manufactured' controversy. The divisive tactics by some challengers are counterproductive and go beyond 'politics as usual.' Anyone who attends council meetings knows that decisions are made in open session and often after lengthy debate. This has been the hallmark of my presidency and I am proud of that transparency.

My job as chief executive will be to focus the council on the many challenges we currently face. I need to show greater leadership than ever before.

"Trust and hope for a brighter future can be achieved with cooperation from residents, employees, elected and appointed officials.

"I ask for your approval of the new charter and support of the current council.

"Together we can continue to make Grosse Pointe Shores a premier community in which to live, work and raise a family."

Council Victoria J. Boyce (I)

Age: 58
Education: B.S. and M.S. in

nursing. Clinical background in critical care and emergency nursing.

Career: Current position, professional development, policy and regulatory compliance coordinator at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Statement
"I have a strong belief in service to others and in making a commitment to the community. Grosse Pointe Shores is a better community because of countless hours of volunteer service by its residents on various commissions, committees and task forces.

Over the 19 years we have been residents, I have been an active member of the community as parent volunteer to the Sharks swim team for 12 years, trustee for the improvement foundation, member of the park master planning committee, and volunteer for events such as the Halloween Fest, Easter Egg Hunt, Lighting of the Village, Fun Run/Arbor Day and the Beautification Commission.

My experience with the council as clerk (2002-2008), and more recently as trustee (2008-present), has been rewarding; I am running for office to continue the work of the council as we transition to a city and face the challenges ahead.

The Shores is a strong community, but must prepare for the future. Completing the transition from village to city will be the first order of business. Reelecting the current council, who have experience and breadth and depth of knowledge, allows us to move seamlessly to streamline operations and evolve into a city.

During this era of declining property values, balancing tax rates with residents' expectations for services and amenities is crucial. Property values must be protected through enforcing new ordinances regarding rental/lease properties, and maintaining vacant properties. Investment in keeping our village a safe and desirable community must continue.

The work to share benefit expense and reduce legacy costs with employees began a number of years ago and will persist as contracts are renewed. At the close of the last fiscal year the pension fund was 98 percent funded, and prudent management will be continued in these uncertain economic times.

The partnership with administration will continue to examine budgets and expenditures to ensure value for taxpayer dollars. The Shores has always shared some services with neighboring communities and further opportunities should be explored. We also need to maximize services from the county and state governments.

Concluding the study to determine the future water supply must be addressed. Proposals from the city of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Farms are nearing completion and will require deliberation and action.

My vision for our community is that of responsible, dedicated residents continuing to serve and invest in Grosse Pointe Shores."

Robert Graziani

Age: 59
Shores resident: 19 years
Occupation:
Attorney/Howard & Howard, PLLC

Education: General Motors Institute, engineering degree, 1972; University of Detroit, J.D. degree, 1975.

Statement
"It would be a privilege for me to serve the community as a member of the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council. I have previously served on the planning commission for approximately nine years, as Grosse Pointe Township clerk for eight years, and currently as Grosse Pointe Township trustee and village clerk.

A council member's primary responsibility is to represent the residents and their concerns. Utilizing my background and expertise as a practicing attorney, I will be a staunch advocate for our resi-

dents to ensure that they are kept informed and have a voice in addressing the key issues Grosse Pointe Shores will face in these challenging times. These include maintaining the exemplary services provided our community through fiscal discipline and without raising taxes; negotiating the best available water rates; stabilizing property values by keeping our community safe in conjunction with continued responsible management; reviewing and maintaining prudent legacy and labor costs; negotiating city contracts through an open bidding process for obtaining quality services and products for the best possible price; enforcing our city ordinances, and promoting community participation.

Our residents must be kept informed of all key issues facing Grosse Pointe Shores through effective communication, which is an essential component of any organizational success. We live in a very sophisticated community with a wealth of knowledge to draw from when necessary. I have learned over the years that it is sometimes more important to listen than to speak. Residents' concerns, ideas and solutions should always be considered and never ignored. Consideration of all information from all sources is essential in making sound decisions.

Therefore, one of my goals to accomplish the above is to promote the exchange and access of information to residents by augmenting the Grosse Pointe Shores website, through timely newsletters, and encouraging resident participation and exchange of ideas at city council meetings. I will also seek to foster active resident participation on city committees, boards, and at community functions.

I have the knowledge, experience, and commitment to our community to make the tough decisions we will face in the near future. As we transition to a city, I look forward to working with fellow council members and our new manager to continue providing the quality services to which we have been accustomed for many years. Our common goal is keeping Grosse Pointe Shores one of the finest communities in which to reside and raise our families."

Connie Houin

Age: 52
Education: B.A., Purdue University; J.D., Indiana University.

Career: Attorney — practicing in the community for 26 years; former general counsel — St. John Health.

Statement
"I have enjoyed being part of the Shores community for the past 18 years and I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve the community as a member of the city council of Grosse Pointe Shores. I believe my 26 years of experience as a practicing attorney in the community will allow me to serve the residents in addressing the issues facing the city. I look forward to being an active participant in giving back to the community.

Top goals:
◆ Effective and efficient Government — Grosse Pointe Shores has taken the first step in addressing administrative costs to streamline its budget by putting forth a new city charter for the residents to consider. Given the economic times and declining property values, it will be increasingly important to examine all service areas to allow us to run the city in the most effective and efficient manner to maintain the high quality of the services available to the Shores residents and accountability to the taxpayers for such performance. We need to examine shared services with our surrounding communities to be able to continue to provide the high quality services that we enjoy in the most efficient manner. Presently, pension and welfare costs have been negotiated through 2010, this year will require continued fo-



James M. Cooper



Victoria J. Boyce



Robert Graziani



Connie Houin



Brian J. Hunt



Christine Kaczanowski

cus on the upcoming labor contracts to keep legacy costs equitable.

◆ Access — As a council member, access to both the council and staff will be a priority for me to allow the council to be responsive to concerns of the residents. Providing accurate and timely information on issues and decisions that affect our families is a priority.

◆ Infrastructure — Water rates are an additional concern for the city and Shores residents. It is important for the city council to timely conclude the analysis of alternatives available to provide the residents a long-term solution that will provide an efficient and stable water service to the Shores.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the residents of the Shores as a member of the city council and encourage everyone to vote on Feb. 24."

Brian J. Hunt (I)

Age: 53
Education — D.D.S. University of Detroit 1982; B.S. in mathematics, Wayne State University, 1978.

Career: Practicing dentist in St. Clair Shores since 1982.

Statement
"I am running for office to help complete the transition from village to city status and to complete the restructuring of how we purchase and dispense water from the city of Detroit. As water rates have continued to rise, this council has been proactive in seeking alternatives to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. The next few months will be critical and we will need to finalize our plans soon. As a member of this council, I have cut costs and spending, making tax increases unnecessary. We as a council, in spite of increasing costs, have not raised taxes since 2002. This is an achievement we can all be proud of. Our village finances are in excellent shape as evidenced by our independent audit firm Plante Moran when they gave us their top rating and complimented the council for our successful financial management in these difficult times.

The most important issues facing us today continue to be controlling legacy costs, containing water rates and completing the updates to our park. We have done much to reduce health care and pension costs to the village and continue to negotiate with our bargaining units. Pensions and health care are a problem for all businesses and municipalities but thankfully we have been diligent and successful at the bargaining table. We have to come to terms with the city of Detroit on water rates or proceed with the option of purchasing water from Grosse Pointe Farms. This will be one of the top agenda items since the city of Detroit is pressuring us to sign a 30-year contract with them. We must continue to discuss master plan improvements to our park, such as a new pool.

The existing pool is 40 years old and will need to be renovat-

ed/replaced in the near future. It has been a pleasure to serve on the village council for the last eight years and as you look at the accomplishments of this council, I am sure you will conclude we have acted reasonably and in good judgment and have earned your continued support. Thank you."

Christine Kaczanowski

Age: 56
Educational and professional background: B.S. Eastern Michigan University; M.S.W. Wayne State University; J.D. University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

Career: Licensed attorney who has worked in the public and private sector. Community planner who has developed strategic plans, reviewed grant applications and budgets.

Statement
"As we navigate these challenging economic times, I believe residents must be provided with information to understand our fixed costs and spending so we can hold our elected representatives accountable. That means we need to have council members who are willing to use a variety of sources to communicate with residents so they are well informed, feel included, and understand the decisions that are made on their behalf. In short, I believe we need council members who value transparency.

We will need to look for spending efficiencies before we consider additional taxable

mills that are included in the new city charter. Future city councils must balance the expectation for excellent city services, maintaining our infrastructure and making improvements that will make the community attractive to potential residents with the cost and revenue available for meeting these expectations.

Grosse Pointe Shores residents enjoy high quality services, yet the quality of information about council decision-making and village operations and how they are communicated to residents do not meet the same standards of quality and consistency.

If elected, I would like to accomplish the following:

◆ Perform a line-by-line review of past budgets, benchmark these with similarly situated communities, and look for cost efficiencies.

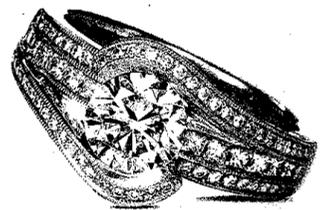
◆ Project tax revenues and millage rates over the next three years to align spending and taxation in this economic climate.

◆ Develop standards of transparency within city hall and council chambers and use the Grosse Pointe Shores webpage to disclose information on our activities.

◆ Develop the community access channel as a communication tool to permit residents of all ages the opportunity to be informed. I would encourage the televising of important council meetings and hearings;

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POINTER OF INTEREST

John Kurap has been traveling the world ever since he participated in a summer program as a fifth-grader. He took his medical training to Africa and while there, rafted the Nile and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.

Oh, the places he's been, the places he'll go

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

They say the perfect job is when you know what you love to do and you figure out a way to make a living at it.

That appears to be no problem for Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Kurap, 28, who knew he loved to travel, but also knew he wanted to be a physician. With a little ingenuity and a little help from his friend since grade school, Kevin Messacar, Kurap has combined travel and medicine. As he completes his last year of medical school, he has already assembled a resume long on practical experience in remote corners of the world.

"When I was in fifth grade I participated in the French Back to Back program that the Grosse Pointe schools offered," said Kurap. "It was my first trip on my own and I knew then that I wanted to see more of the world. Once you see what life is like somewhere other than here, it makes you want to explore even more."

And the fact that he was only 10 didn't deter him. As he moved through Brownell Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School, he took advantage of other school-sponsored trips, including one to the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador.

He didn't go all that far for college, just to Ann Arbor, graduating from the University of Michigan in 2002, with a major in biology and psychology. But he hadn't left his passport at home, as he and Messacar traveled to the Philippines with a mission group from an Ann Arbor church.

"We volunteered on a project with Habitat for Humanity there and it was an incredible experience," he said. "We worked with people who lived on a landfill and searched through it every day just to find something to live off of each day. It was a humbling experience."

And it also solidified Kurap's desire to go to medical school. He enrolled at the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine on St. Maarten and will graduate this April. But even the workload of medical school didn't stop Kurap from searching out opportunities to explore the world.

He and Messacar, who was in medical school at U of M, began doing volunteer work on school holidays with medical groups in South America and Africa. Their desire to bring their medical knowledge to the far reaches of the world, along with their wanderlust, brought them to the point of where they took a year off from their medical studies.

"I had worked with a group called Operation Crossroads in 2003, working with HIV patients in Kenya and I really wanted to go back. So I took a year off between my second and third year of medical school. A lot of people questioned it, but my family was very supportive and so was the staff at the medical school. It was such a phenomenal experience and it opened so many doors for me. I'm so glad I did it," said Kurap.

In June 2006, Kurap and Messacar began their sabbatical year in Africa. They paid for the trip themselves, earning money along the way through



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN KURAP

Kevin Messacar, left, and John Kurap, on the shores of Lake Victoria, where they volunteer with the International Medical Corps.

odd jobs, including acting as extras in a movie shot by a German film company.

They started at Lake Victoria in Kenya, working among the fishermen and the people who inhabit islands in Lake Victoria near Mbita, Kenya, running a mobile clinic that treated HIV/AIDS patients, oftentimes traveling by canoe to fishing camps, bringing medications with them.

"I saw a great change in Kenya from when I was there in 2003 and when I returned in 2006. Attitudes toward preventing and treating HIV and AIDS were slowly changing and medicine was becoming more available, but it had to be distributed through the government health program. Millions of dollars are spent on medications, but the medication doesn't always reach the people," Kurap said.

Kurap spoke highly of the doctors in Africa who work in

some of the most dire of conditions.

"I have to say that they don't give up," he said. "They know everyone around them is dying, but they won't give up. They have to be admired for that."

In Africa, Kurap was able to combine his love of medicine and his love of exploring the far regions of the world. He and Messacar traveled through Rwanda and Uganda and rafted the source of the Nile at Jinga near Uganda.

But the highlight of their trip was climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, reaching the summit after six days.

"It's such an incredible experience," he said. "When you begin the climb, you're in a desert-like environment, then you climb through a rain forest, and when we reached the summit, there was five inches of fresh snow. Only 50 percent of those who begin the climb reach the summit because so many suffer from altitude sickness. While it took six days to summit, it only took 16 hours to come down."

"I saw the most beautiful sunrise I had even seen from the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro," he said. "I'll never forget it."

Kurap and Messacar spent six months in Africa, then another four months in Guatemala working for St. Jude Research Hospital's outreach program.

"They have an amazing pediatric cancer center there where they treat children from throughout Central America," he said.

And then it was back to the books, as Kurap returned to medical school to finish his last two years. But that didn't mean the traveling was over — it was just more local.

"I did a family medicine rotation in Traverse City," he said. "I love the connection with the patients and I've decided to do my residency in family medicine. I love having a strong connection to the community and family medicine provides that. You treat everyone, from pediatric patients to the elderly."

Kurap is waiting for "Residency Match Day" in mid-March to find out where he will be doing his residency. He has applied to Duke, Case Western Reserve and U of M, among others.

And how will he handle the pressure of a three-year residency?

"I'm not sure," he said with a laugh. "I haven't been in one place for that long."

Not even Grosse Pointe, where he was for a brief stay over the holidays. He is now in London, England, completing the final three months of medical school doing a clinical rotation in neurology and infectious diseases.

His partner in all these adventures, now Dr. Messacar, is fulfilling a residency in pediatrics in Denver.

"We were so lucky to be able to spend that year like we did," he said. "I know I'm definitely going back."



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CANDIDATE: Voters to select council

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an example would have been televising the community meetings on the charter.

◆ Send a detailed annual report to all residents that explains our fiscal health and the status of our infrastructure, future projects and costs.

◆ Ensure that content is added to the webpage which showcases Grosse Pointe Shores as a desirable place to live and support the current projects that make this community attractive to current and future residents."

Thaddeus (Ted) J. Kedzierski

Age: 55
Education: B.S. in business administration from Wayne State University; J.D., Wayne State University; post graduate studies in accounting, University of Detroit and Wayne State University; Certified in Financial Forensics credential by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Career: Certified Public Accountant, tax attorney, and Certified Financial Forensics Expert.

Statement
"I am running for office because these difficult financial times are presenting new challenges for municipalities. My extensive financial background would be a valuable asset for our village council. My 27 years experience as a CPA and tax attorney will provide a business-like approach to problem solving the village's financial challenges.

I will use my financial analytical skills to increase cost efficiencies for the village; I will better communicate the financial information to the taxpayers; and I will keep our property taxes at the lowest possible levels by limiting future legacy costs.

We live in one of the finest communities in the country and we want to preserve our premier quality of life. I would be honored to serve as a member of a dynamic Grosse Pointe Shores council team, a team that puts the needs of their community first.

For more information, please visit my website at www.electtedkedzierski.com.

Top issues are:
1. Cost efficiencies: Cost efficiencies are possible by collaborating with the other Grosse Pointes regarding purchasing decisions and by analyzing budget expenses line by line. We should run the government like a business or we have no business running the government.

2. Communication: Communication can be achieved by making financial information available on the village website. This transparency allows the taxpayers to see how their money is being spent. We should treat money spent by the village as if it were our own money.

3. Limiting property tax increases: In these difficult economic times, limiting future legacy costs will help keep our property taxes at the lowest possible level without a reduction in our excellent municipal services. I will join the finance committee to achieve these efficiencies by closely monitoring employee legacy costs."

Karl Kratz (I)

Age: 54
Education: B.S. degree in chemistry and master's in toxicology.

Career: Past executive business director of automotive for Henkel Corporation, and cur-



Thaddeus (Ted) J. Kedzierski



Karl Kratz



Janice Pemberton



Fred Minturn

rently an independent business consultant.

Statement
"Over eight years ago, I was appointed to serve on the Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission to enforce our ordinances and to enact new requirements to maintain the ambience of our community. After serving on the planning commission, I was elected to the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council. I have been very active during my tenure on the council and as the liaison for our park and harbor committee, and there is much more to be accomplished in the next few years.

This committee has worked very closely with both residents and the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation to complete the following: a resident survey pertaining to park and harbor future needs; the completion of a park and harbor master plan; and ultimately the installation of our new park walkway, lighting, renovated historical gates, playscape equipment, state-of-the-art floating dock harbor and boardwalk. I would like to continue the work necessary to realize the master plan for future generations to enjoy.

The top issue for the Shores is the effect the national economy is having on our home values and the effect that plays on managing our budget and future financial obligations.

Our administration continues to reduce costs in our day-to-day operations and works closely with our budget and finance committee to find ways that will maintain our infrastructure as well as providing the services our community requires. The Employee Retirement System Pension Commission has continued to negotiate with our unions through arbitration in order to reduce our health care and retirement financial obligations for years to come. All the members of our council have volunteered their time and energy to work effectively together in order to keep our community one of the best in Michigan.

I ask the voters to re-elect all of our current council members so we can continue our work in maintaining our balanced budget, services and minimizing our future financial obligations."

Fred Minturn (I)

Age: 52
Educational and professional background: B.B.A. in accountancy from Western Michigan University; CPA State of Michigan, 1980.

Career: Chief financial officer of auto supplier, MSX International. Treasurer, Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

Statement
"Seven years goes by quickly. During my time to date on

the council, we have completely revamped the financial systems of the village, created the right amount of fund equity when there was almost none to begin with, amended the pension plan to limit the payouts to all employees and successfully transitioned to a new village manager after more than 30 years. We also successfully funded and completed a very nice new harbor in our park. I served on the charter commission, with the blessing of the voters, where we were privileged to draft the charter that should serve our community for decades to come. My reason for running is because I don't think the job is done yet. Like many Michigan cities, the Grosse Pointes will be challenged in the coming years to maintain the excellence of our communities with fewer and fewer resources. I wish to continue to volunteer my time as I have on the school board, to ensure that our Grosse Pointes stay the premier cities they are today. I would also like to ask the voters to reelect all of our current council members to their positions so we can continue to work with an experienced and extremely effective group of individuals.

The challenges facing our community are largely economic in the coming years as property values stagnate and maybe even continue to decline, resulting in lower property tax collections or higher tax rates. My background as a CPA and CFO of an auto supplier has provided valuable experience to address this issue. Through savings in all areas, our overall costs have remained the same despite the rising costs of employee medical and pensions resulting in a slightly lower tax rate and even provided some much needed fund equity. In the future this will be increasingly difficult to accomplish. Becoming a city will help to reduce operating costs in the near term. We also need to consider more shared resources with neighboring communities, further cost sharing with our employees in their benefit programs and more streamlined local government structures. The goal must be to maintain the qualities of The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores while keeping our taxes under control."

Janice Pemberton

Age: 61
Education: B.S. in elementary education, English, science; M.Ed. in guidance and counseling; Ed. Spec. in educational leadership; Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction from

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BLEDSONE: Getting down to business

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like the rest of us. In the past, recessions have hit blue collar communities pretty hard, but never penetrated the middle income communities. This one is reaching into Grosse Pointe."

He anticipates Michigan mimicking cost-saving policies adopted in other cash-strapped states.

"My guess is we'll be doing some of the things California is doing — laying off workers two days per month without pay. There is no appetite up here on either side of the aisle for raising taxes at this point. Absent that, we're going to have to do some real belt-tightening."

He said Michigan could save millions of dollars in the corrections budget by granting non-violent criminals early release.

"We're incarcerating too many (non-violent) people for too long," he said. "It costs over \$30,000 a year to keep a person in prison. Compare that to the cost of a college education. It's crazy. We're spending more on prisons than higher education."

He said he needs more de-

tails before backing Granholm's effort to shift state wetlands regulation to the federal government.

"We're talking about saving \$2 million per year," Bledsoe said. "In terms of any real budget gap, that's a drop in the bucket. I'd like to know exactly what we're getting for those dollars before (turning) over that responsibility."

Fixing Detroit's failed educational system is something Bledsoe, who serves on the House Education Committee and whose 1st District includes a portion of eastside Detroit, wants fixed.

"We have to get better value out of our education dollars," he said. "Turning Detroit public schools around is a high priority."

He supports business, but, as did his Republican predecessor Edward Gaffney of Grosse Pointe Farms, Bledsoe wants to repeal laws granting pharmaceutical companies virtual immunity from product liability suits. Yet, Bledsoe opposes making the companies liable retroactively.

"That sends the wrong message to business, that in Michigan you don't know what the rules are because the legislature might come along any time and change the rules," he said. "My guess is my position on this is going to cause me to lose friends on both sides."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Houses in the City of Grosse Pointe were used for K9 practice before being reduced to rubble.

TEAR DOWN: Making way for progress

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"They're trying to market the whole thing to a potential partner or other developer," Dame said.

"The property still may be developed under the Sunrise banner.

Sunrise has closed its Michigan office, yet operates two facilities in Grosse Pointe Woods. Company officials at its Virginia headquarters weren't available for comment.

Torello is razing the houses while leaving mature trees alone.

"The only thing we're taking out is shrubbery," he said.

"Major trees stay."

The land will be leveled and planted with grass.

"It will be like a mini park — open space rather than buildings with peeling paint," Dame said.

"There will be a fence at the back so you won't have to look at the parking lot behind it."

In the meantime, City public safety officers used the expendable structures for training.

"Each shift practiced forceable entry techniques, search and rescue, ventilation, ladder use and hose practice," said Chief James Fox.

Raleigh the City police dog was part of the training.

"Our K9 along with Hamtramck's and St. Clair Shores' K9 practiced drug sweeps through the houses and searched for bad guys. We got a lot of good use out of those houses."

SEMINAR: Appealing property tax

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Severn said.

Attendees will receive a "how to" brochure and tax appeal worksheet.

Severn described the seminar as "Property Tax Appeal 101."

Severn chairs the Realtor's committee on government affairs.

fairs. He cited a recently published study of estimated percentage drops in Grosse Pointe residential property values that range from -4.82 in the Park to -20.65 in the City.

"It's been a difficult year for the real estate market," Severn said. "It is important to make sure your property is assessed properly. You may find that a lower assessment will result in a lower tax bill. It could also make your property easier to sell because a lower assessment can mean a lower tax bill than other properties which also are for sale."

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Kenneth M. Braun

Grapes of wrath

A new state law prohibits Michigan connoisseurs of wine and beer from purchasing these products and having them shipped directly to their home from out-of-state retailers. Instead, all such purchases will be allowed only from a state endorsed wholesaler. Introduced in November 2008 as House Bill 6644, the new law was quickly passed during the final days of the 2008 legislative session. It was overwhelmingly supported by 134 of the 148 members of the Michigan Legislature, and became Public Act 474 of 2008 upon being signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and enacted Jan. 9.

Michiganvotes.org notes the purpose of this law is to "avoid complying with a federal court ruling that held state restrictions on such shipments from out-of-state retailers to be a violation of the U.S. Constitution's commerce clause."

The majority opinion in this case, Granholm versus Heald, relied in part on a July 2003 report from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission which concluded prohibitions on interstate alcohol shipments should be abolished because they result in increased prices and restricted choice while failing to produce any measurable benefit.

The Specialty Wine Retailers Association, a national trade group representing out-of-state retailers, and groups representing legal-age wine drinkers all opposed the Legislature's most recent circumvention of Heald, as did the Michigan Restaurant Association. The major supporter of the law was the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, a politically powerful trade group that represents the state endorsed wholesale beer and wine distributors.

While Heald recognized Michigan's authority to regulate alcohol distribution within its borders, it prohibited the state from applying a different standard to in-state and out-of-state wine and beer suppliers. Michigan lawmakers could have responded to this ruling by allowing consumers to save money by avoiding the MB&WVA middlemen, instead of granting residents direct access to all the nation's federally licensed wine and beer suppliers. Some form of this standard is the law in nearly two dozen states. Instead, Public Act 474 essentially prohibits both in-state and out-of-state suppliers from shipping direct to Michigan customers, mandating both sell only to the state-endorsed wholesalers represented by the MB&WVA.

Wholesalers form the second tier of what is known as a "three-tier" distribution network. The first tier is producers, importers or other suppliers of beer and wine to the Michigan market; the third is the final retail seller, such as local stores and restaurants. Nearly all beer and wine sales in Michigan must pass through this licensing network.

Contrary to initial fears, organized crime's control of alcohol distribution did not survive after Prohibition, in the wake of which many states created three-tier distribution systems. Michigan's system dates back to 1933, the year of Prohibition's repeal. Today, the MB&WVA represents 75 private distributors, each with a state granted privilege to control the flow of more than 90 percent of all the beer and wine consumed by Michigan residents. In 2004, the MB&WVA dedicated a new 8,500-square foot, \$2 million Lansing headquarters. The reception area is named the "1933 Room." This room was featured in a series of articles about the MB&WVA written by Detroit Free Press reporter Jennifer Dixon and published between Feb. 10 and 12, 2005. It's a popular location for state lawmakers to host fundraisers.

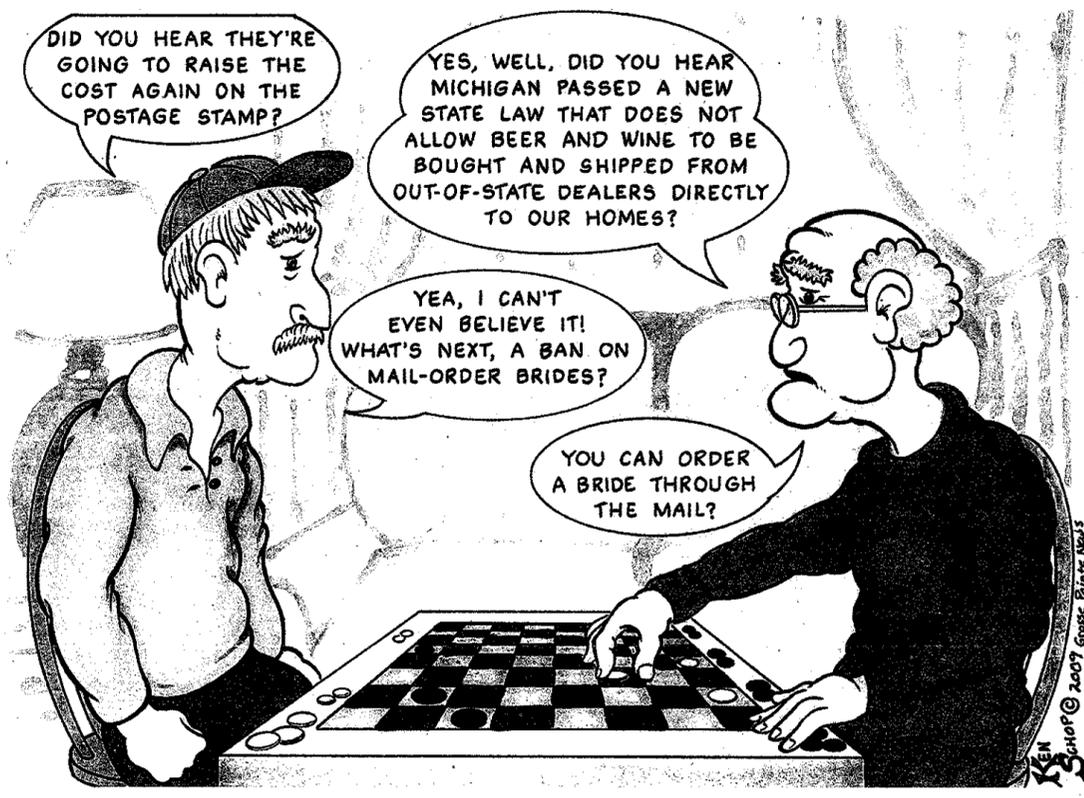
Dixon asserts Michigan wholesalers are "the envy of their industry" and quotes a former chairman of MB&WVA who claimed they are routinely congratulated by out-of-state colleagues who note "how good we have it" in Michigan. High up amongst what he called the group's "blessings" is not being one of the states that allow consumers to avoid the middleman-wholesalers. Because these government-sanctioned monopolies are privately held, businesses records of their value and profits are not public information. Dixon gives a hint as to their profit making potential by citing statistics showing one large Michigan distributor marks up each case of beer by \$4 to \$5 after getting it from Anheuser-Busch and before sending it along to a retail store. The wholesalers' chief lobbyist is quoted as saying many of his members are millionaires.

What sustains these "blessings?" Dixon's work suggests much of it involves political campaign contributions. She found all but nine 148 lawmakers elected to the Legislature in 2002 received a campaign contribution from the wholesalers. The Michigan Capitol Confidential, a bimonthly publication of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, research for this article discovered all but 11 out of 148 lawmakers serving in 2008 and voting on the bill to create the direct shipment ban had received at least one such contribution during their career. Michigan's governor, attorney general and secretary of state are also recipients.

The Michigan Campaign Finance Network lists the wholesaler's political action committee as donating \$722,698 during the 2006 election cycle, ranking it as the No. 14 largest PAC. However, unlike virtually all of those PACs listed higher, such as unions, business groups and funds linked directly to Democrat and Republican causes, Rich Robinson, director of the MCFN,

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LETTERS

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Keep trees

To the Editor:

We need to keep the trees next to Kroger parking lot on the Maire Elementary School playground. We should not cut the trees down. If the trees get cut down, animals will lose their homes. We don't have very many trees here at Maire School.

Kids here love to play among the trees. They show so much love for them that the kids named the trees "Pinecone Village." If they cut them down, there will be 15 less trees in the world. It wastes trees, and there are enough parking lots already.

There are lots of memories there. The student like to hang out there. If our kids go to Maire in the future, we want them to see Pinecone Village. This is why we think we need to keep the trees on our playground.

If Pinecone Village gets cut down, animals will lose their homes. There are lots of birds' nests in the trees. Squirrels always run around in the shade. This area is very important to the animals.

We don't have very many trees here at Maire School. If the trees get cut down, we'll only have five left at the whole school. This area has most of the trees on the school property.

The students here at Maire love to play in the trees. Kids have made up so many games to play in this area. Most of these games need the trees. Kids just love to play in the trees.

Having the trees cut down will waste them, and we already have enough parking areas in Grosse Pointe. We just built another parking garage, and usually nobody ever uses it. It would be a big waste.

If our kids go to Maire in the future, we want them to be able to play at this place. Students have been playing here for a very long time. It's important that when we grow up, our kids can have their own experiences at Pinecone Village.

We absolutely have to keep our trees next to the Kroger parking lot. Homes of animals will be lost if these trees get cut down. We don't have many trees at Maire. Students love to hang out at this spot. They even named it Pinecone Village. It would be a big waste of trees if they get cut down, and there are already lots of parking areas. If our kids go to Maire in the future, we want them to be able to play in Pinecone Village. There are tons of memories there. These are the reasons why we should keep our trees. Thank you.

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Maire Elementary School

Animal shelters

To the Editor:

Last week, I was coming home from school when my mother spotted a small dog waddling down the sidewalk on our street.

We hurried out of the car and took hold of the darling basset hound. Luckily, the dog had a collar and we quickly called his owners.

After the owners picked him up and were driving home, I thought about what might have happened if we hadn't found him. That basset hound would have been wandering around in the cold, hungry and shivering. He could have even been hit by a car. If you think this is horrible, this is what happens to animals like that basset hound every day.

I know that these animals and the animals in shelters would benefit greatly if at least a quarter of our local families adopted a pet from a shelter or helped an animal in need. So please, help a local shelter or rescue team by adopting a pet, helping the fight against animal cruelty, or simply donating to your local shelter.

A favorable reason to support your local shelter or rescue team (an example of a rescue team is Animal Cops Detroit, as seen on Animal Planet) is that it will help the well-being of the animals in Detroit.

The Michigan Humane Society receives no government funding and relies on the generosity of individual and corporate supporters. Many shelters in Grosse Pointe have enough money for the majority of the animals living there.

Still, others require too much medical care, too much training for adoptability, or there are just too many pets and not enough money. All of that can lead to a very sorrowful ending for many animals. Also, rescue teams all over Michigan are trying hard to rescue pets in Michigan that have been abused or abandoned.

Second of all, pets reduce stress. A study by the University of New York at Buffalo shows that spending time alone with a pet cat or dog reduces more stress than visiting a close friend or relative. Adopting a pet would certainly help any worries you have about bills or jobs.

One of the most important reasons to adopt, help, or donate is that it feels superb to do a good deed. In fact, according to recent studies, people who do good deeds live longer than those who don't. Living longer is another benefit. Ensuring the well-being of our animals, reducing stress, and improving health are benefits everyone appreciates. Even so, the true love and joy of owning a pet or helping a shelter or rescue team is a benefit in itself. So please, help our furry, feathered friends and help a shelter near you.

LAUREN NYQUIST
Parcells Middle School
Student

GUEST OPINION By Chad Kister

Transit for future generations

While the stimulus bill includes many good provisions, such as investments in wind and solar energy, it also contains funding for massive environmental destruction and climate change-causing infrastructure such as highways.

This can be corrected by keeping all funding for rail and mass transit in both the House and Senate versions of the bill, and removing funding for the so-called power plant in Illinois.

We should eliminate the funding for new highways, such as the Nelsonville, Ohio, bypass that is destroying the Wayne National Forest in my backyard. Instead, our country should invest more in high speed rail and mass transit.

Driving tons of metal around when all we need to move is a 150-pound person is insane from a resource point of view

— what a waste of oil we import from other countries. When we add climate change concerns, we are committing mass murder to future generations, with billions of people predicted to die this century, according to top scientists, unless we make major changes very fast.

Rather than more highways and decades of continued oil addiction, we can have 200-plus mph trains running on solar and wind energy. This will exponentially reduce the consumption of gasoline and diesel that sucks \$700 billion from our country's economy annually.

The stimulus bill helps somewhat toward this goal with renewable energy investment, but it also does the opposite by investing in new highways that will continue our fossil fuel addiction for decades to come.

While we need to make sure our bridges do not collapse, nearly all new road and highway construction should cease and be replaced with passenger

rail development — a wondrous way of travel that is tens of times more energy efficient and hundreds of times safer than driving. Looking out on the landscape, trains are luxurious and pleasant.

More importantly, why more people are not heeding the concerns of top scientists on climate change deeply troubles me. Too many people are investing in companies that make highways, cars and coal-generated power. They just stick their heads in the sand when climate change is mentioned.

For future generations, this is just about the only issue they will care about. Whether we can keep our climate livable or not is the No. 1 issue affecting our children. We need to transform all our priorities, and above all at this moment the hundreds of billions of dollars in this stimulus bill to meet these needs. Otherwise we are just wasting this money on gas guzzling infrastructure

doomed to fail and devastating our environment in the process.

We can create a world in which we can eliminate all the stress of buying and maintaining cars, getting auto insurance and driving in increasingly extreme weather and congestion.

The money we would save in health care by reducing pollution alone would likely pay for the high speed rail and renewable power infrastructure, not to mention breathing clean air and being healthier.

Ultimately, we should consider our legacy. If we ignore climate change, we are unleashing a holocaust that vastly eclipses that seen in World War II and will progressively worsen with no way back. Is that the future we want to leave our children?

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Will A-Rod's admission limit fanfare?



Major League Baseball recently took another called strike three when its brightest star, Alex Rodriguez, admitted to taking performance-enhancing drugs from 2001 through 2003.

Performance-enhancing drugs, better known as steroids and human growth hormones, are illegal. Steroids are legal if prescribed by a physician.

Rodriguez, better known as A-Rod or now maybe A-Roid, admitted to taking steroids after information was leaked to the media that his urine sample given in 2003 tested positive for two anabolic steroids.

During a recent interview, MLB Commissioner Bud Selig said of Rodriguez, "What Alex did was wrong and he will have to live with the damage he has

done to his name and reputation.

"While Alex deserves credit for publicly confronting the issue, there is no valid excuse for using such substances, and those who use them have shamed the game."

Players and owners didn't agree to a joint drug program until August 2002, and testing with punishment didn't start until 2004, so Rodriguez can't be suspended by MLB. But how will this play out for the remainder of his playing days?

How will this admission pan out in his future standing as a sure-fire future member of the prestigious Hall of Fame?

I think Rodriguez will be inducted in the hall on his first ballot. His number have remained consistent throughout his career.

In 2007, he hit .314 with 54 home runs, 156 RBIs, 24 stolen bases and 143 runs scored, and last season he hit .302 with 35 homers, 103 RBIs and 18 stolen bases.

Even before he used steroids, Rodriguez's statistics remained pretty constant. He averaged

40 home runs and 110 RBIs, which are MVP-type numbers.

I have always been an A-Rod fan and I guess I still am even though he admitted to taking steroids, including Primobolan, which produces improved strength with minimum bulk associated with steroid use.

In a recent Sports Illustrated article, Rodriguez said he took the performance-enhancing drugs because he felt he had to justify the professional sports record 10-year, \$252 million contract he signed with the Texas Rangers in 2001.

A-Rod's New York Yankee teammate for three years, Jason Giambi, admitted he took steroids during the time when high-profile players such as Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Rafael Palmeiro, Juan Gonzalez, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire denied such use.

Clemens might go to jail because he lied to a grand jury, and the same can be said of Palmeiro. Both players have Hall of Fame statistics, but I bet neither gets in.

What makes Clemens' case

even worse is that he said the steroids and GHG that came to his house was for his wife.

That is pathetic and Palmeiro made a heated statement to the grand jury that he never took steroids and never would. Then, his name surfaced on the famous Mitchell Report that named dozens of Major League ballplayers who took performance-enhancing drugs.

MLB has suspended more than two dozen players, many of whom are still in the Minor Leagues, for taking performance-enhancing drugs, including former Detroit Tigers Neifi Perez and Alex Sanchez.

It sickens me to hear of these ultra-talented athletes who take steroids. They're already at the top of their game, so why take them and endanger their health and reputation?

Pressure and to recuperate faster from injury are the two main excuses.

I have never played professional sports, but I played amateur sports throughout my teens. I understand the rigors of playing sports and have had

friends who have been injured on the playing field.

I can just imagine the bumps and bruises football, baseball, hockey and basketball players endure during a season. They don't have ample time to rest an injury because owners and fans demand they're on the field, winning games.

I also think egos get in the way and the biggest ego I can think of is Clemens. His case is still pending as fans get to guess who is telling the truth. Right now, it's Clemens' trainer, Brian McNamee.

The entire Rodriguez fiasco is big news as the Yankees and every other MLB team, including our Detroit Tigers, began spring training late last week.

Every time A-Rod steps to plate, fans will wonder if he is still on steroids. Don't be surprised to see fans with signs displaying their disdain in the stadiums he plays in throughout this spring, summer and fall.

The aforementioned players, in my opinion, should not make the Hall of Fame because of their lies. They might, how-

ever, make it after they die. Hall of Fame voters would do this just to prove a point.

I think the same thing will happen to Pete Rose, the all-time hits leader. He was banned from baseball for betting on the sport when he managed the Cincinnati Reds.

He has tried again and again to persuade whomever will listen that he belongs in the Hall of Fame. The only thing Rose does is bury himself deeper in the, "I'm a jerk club," that now includes Clemens and Palmeiro.

I'm not giving A-Rod a free pass, but his admission does tarnish his name in my book.

My baseball heroes growing up, Lou Whitaker, Alan Trammell and Rod Carew, are clear and free of any link to steroid use. One look at their lean frame would tell you that.

They played the game with the same love and passion I did as a kid, which is why I looked up to them.

Can today's kids say the same about McGwire, Bonds and now A-Rod? Time will tell.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

If you didn't have to worry about money, what would you do with your time?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com



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'I would like to travel often and volunteer and donate more, especially at animal shelters because they need a lot of help.'

BARB JARECKI
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I would have more free time and so I'd like to garden and travel and volunteer more at my daughter's school.'

MARY BETH GRAHAM
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I would spend my time freely if I didn't have to work and I would shop and travel and volunteer more at Ferry School.'

ALICE HANSAN
City of Grosse Pointe



'Travel with my husband and eat chocolate everyday. What else is there, ha-ha?'

MARY CASINELLI
Grosse Pointe Woods

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Victoria Slater

G.P. South High School celebrates 80

The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

Grosse Pointe South High School (The High) is possibly the most beautiful building in Grosse Pointe, making its proud appearance in 1928.

The halls of South are filled with years of history and inside each locker, there are hundreds of memories.

As early as 1909, the citizens of Grosse Pointe Township realized the need for a high school. In 1910, a five-year battle began with landowners whose property the school board wanted for the new high school.

One district could not support a high school, therefore the township needed all districts to agree on one site for The High.

Popular vote in 1922 and The Agricultural School Act of 1917-



Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher with Chet Sampson.

21 enabled the five districts to combine resources. At the time, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades were virtually non-existent. After developing a high school curriculum for future students, the property, 23-acres of swampland, was finally purchased from Helen Newberry and the McMillan family.

In 1928, several years after the first plan for the high school, the Georgian colonial style High was completed by architect George J. Haas who also designed The Macomb County

Building. Since then, the high school has exploded with memories, making the many years of finalizing plans worth every minute.

Such memorable moments include; the 1954 high school football state championship; the April 1955 visit from Hollywood stars Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher; and the Pistons' (formally known as the Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons) first National Basketball Association playoff game in 1960.

On March 14, 1968, three

weeks before his assassination, The High hosted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who presented his speech, The Other America, to 3,000 people. The same year, the school was renamed Grosse Pointe South High School.

Several changes have been made since the first graduating class of 48 students. Since 1928, hundreds of teachers and thousands of students have been part of the South tradition. In 2008, 1,659 students attended South.

The history of The High is in the ideas and dreams of the students. One can hear the echoes of past students blending with the voices of the new students so eager to begin their new life at Grosse Pointe South.

Victoria Slater was a summer intern for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society in 2008.

Grosse Pointe South's 80th Anniversary Celebration includes an online auction from March 5-12 at the website

gpsmothersclub.cmarket.com. Items up for bid include travel packages, gifts, apparel, entertainment and more.

On March 14, a party is

planned at the Lochmoor Club featuring dinner, wine, beer and a silent and live auction.

For ticket information, call Jo Darolf at (313) 331-5611.

LIQUOR: Lawmakers benefit

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told the Detroit Free Press the MB&WWA is unique because it is one of the few that gives generously to politicians from both political parties. MCFN analysis shows the wholesalers ranked as one of the "top contributors" for 88 of the 148 lawmakers during the 2006 election cycle. For 65 of them, the MB&WWA was one of their five largest single sources of campaign cash; 51 received \$4,000 or more from the wholesalers' PAC and eight senators received equal to or in excess of \$9,000.

Dixon reported additional benefits given to some lawmakers. One article highlighted a 2004 trip to Grand Cayman for four lawmakers — paid for by the MB&WWA — so they could attend and speak at a wholesaler's event. Even though the Michigan Legislature was still in session during part of the trip, the four guests included the speaker of the House, the Senate minority leader, and the chair of the House committee that handles bills dealing with liquor regulation.

The newspaper notes the trip cost the trade group \$11,213, and this was an "unusual lobby-ing tactic" given their analysis of more than 100 other associations and corporations revealed "only a few" that reported trips for lawmakers with costs exceeding even \$1,000. The article

quotes the wholesalers' newsletter that described the trip as "five days of governance, business seminars, social events, sporting activities and to just kick back from the winter doldrums of the Midwest."

Because the lawmakers spoke at the gathering, and thus ostensibly provided something of value to the wholesalers, under Michigan law they were entitled to have the cost of their trip paid for by the MB&WWA.

Similar trips have been provided to resorts in Cabo San Lucas, Palm Beach and more. One of the four lawmakers in attendance at the Grand Cayman event was asked by Dixon what the wholesalers got for such expenditures. He replied: "They get a lot of goodwill, no doubt about it."

That lawmaker, Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, was one of 98 state representatives to vote in favor of the bill to ban direct shipment of beer and wine to adult customers. It was one of his last acts as a term-limited state legislator. On Jan. 16, just two weeks after he left office and exactly one week after Granholm signed the direct-shipment ban into law, the governor appointed Gaffney to a seat on the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the primary regulatory agency that oversees the state's beer and wine wholesaler industry. This job pays \$82,000 per year.

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CANDIDATE: Council to be elected

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Wayne State University.

Career: President of National Education Consultants, university consultant, administrator assessor, counselor, mediator, academic services officer, university professor, curriculum director, school/district administrator, educator.

Municipal Experience: Member board of review; assisted in planning and formation of the dog park, wrote the rules and regulations, initiated rental property ordinances; wrote bylaws and building ordinances for a homeowner's association; reviewed and revised community security and protection procedures with community manager and city

police.

Statement

"With property values continuing to decline, stock market funded pensions at high risk and a budget that defies transparency, it is time for new directions on our council. It is time to elect a council member who is committed to this community and its residents while governing to keep property taxes down and maintain high service standards for its residents. Making this community not only an exemplary place to live, but desirable to others is the mark of a well-run community. These are exactly my intentions as I seek service on the council.

Our residents deserve to know how their tax dollars are used. They should expect responsible and sound decisions that lead to the future health and welfare of this community. They have the right to expect belt-tightening and cost-cutting to protect the community from financial deficits and

overspending. With my experience, skill and ability, I hope to so serve the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores.

There are many challenges facing this community. An intense review of the budget is necessary to determine where costs need to be eliminated or reduced. Projected construction and repair work should be evaluated for necessity, initial cost outlay and given future costs. Property taxes must not be raised as property values continue to plummet. Pension and health costs must be hedged to counter falling returns in the stock market. Our government must provide the level of services that the residents expect and desire with full knowledge and understanding that the revenue is collected from residences — from family budgets, from retiree pensions and not from businesses.

As a member of your council, my responsibility is to the taxpayer, the resident. My trust

is to always be fiscally responsible with every tax dollar. I will strive to make decisions that can benefit everyone in this community, that will help increase their property desirability and value. I want to keep avenues open that will encourage communication, flow of ideas and also allow participation of our expert residents in area-targeted projects and undertakings.

The very size of our community should make our government accessible to every resident and provide timely responses and answers to all concerns and requests. Providing transparency to our residents can allow everyone to work toward the sound financial health of Grosse Pointe Shores."

Glenn W. Peters (I)

Age: 78
Education: B.S. from Indiana State University with majors in math and business administration; MEd from Wayne State University.

Career: U. S. Navy Aviation Electronics Technician (4 years); math teacher (3 years); public school assistant principal (10 years); director of personnel at Macomb Community College (21 years).

Statement
"The desire to influence a fluid transit from village to city governmental organization is the reason that I hope to be re-elected to council.

The top issues facing the new council will be:

- 1) to steady the water rates (notified of 11.7 percent increase effective July);
- 2) to attempt to obtain available "Economic Stimulus Package" funds;
- 3) to continue accomplishing improvements to our community by reducing expenses and using discretion when expending any funds, and
- 4) to represent all persons and keep lines of communication open."

Dan Schulte

Age: N/A



Glenn W. Peters



Dan Schulte

Education: University of Michigan.

Career: Automotive producer and marketing and media consultant.

Statement

"I am running for office because I believe I can make a positive contribution to the quality of our community and the efficiency of its operations.

Top issues are to

- ◆ improve tax and budget efficiencies,
- ◆ improve communications with residents and
- ◆ encourage greater resident participation.

Grosse Pointe Shores will see challenging times as we work to pay off the bond on our recently redesigned marina while fulfilling the ongoing financial obligations of payroll, pension and infrastructure maintenance. As property values and subsequent tax revenues decline, our city will face a tremendous demand to do more with less.

We need to:

- ◆ maximize our efficiency to ensure that we make the most of our budget
- ◆ reduce costs without undermining the quality of services
- ◆ focus on reducing taxes to help restore property values
- ◆ fully maintain our roads, water supply, sewers, lighting, landscaping and park equipment
- ◆ suspend ancillary projects that place an excessive burden on taxpayers.

Steering our community

through today's tough economic times requires a leader who clearly recognizes the difference between wants and needs, and between price and value. While it is important to preserve the core attributes that make Grosse Pointe Shores a desirable place to live, we need to do more. It is no longer enough to simply benchmark other communities. We need to build a stronger identity and set higher standards in defining our city as a role model community.

We need to communicate in a more open, effective and friendly manner with residents, promote unity amongst all who live here, and welcome fresh ideas.

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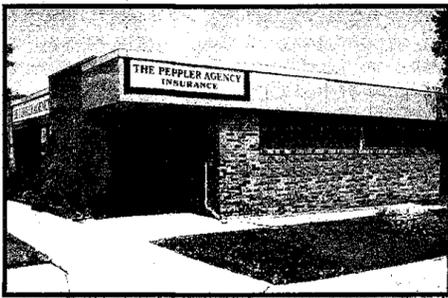
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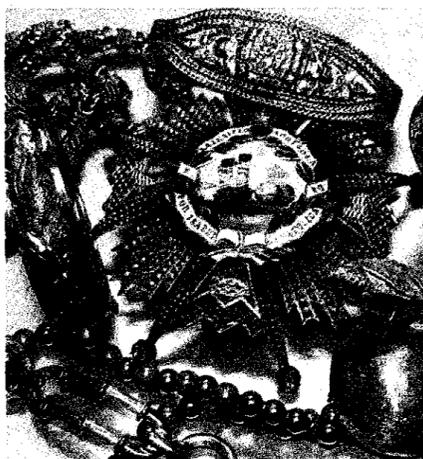
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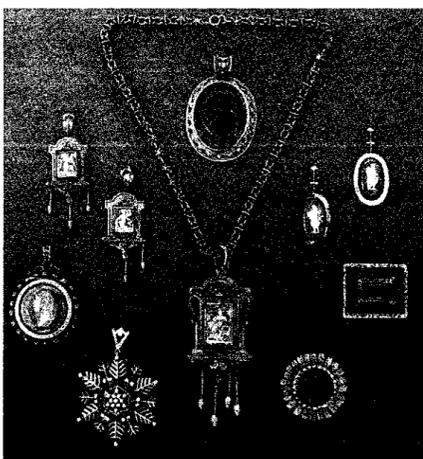
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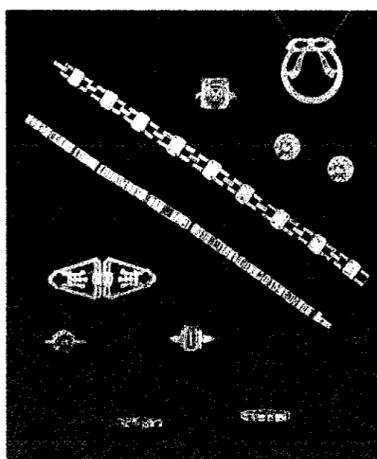
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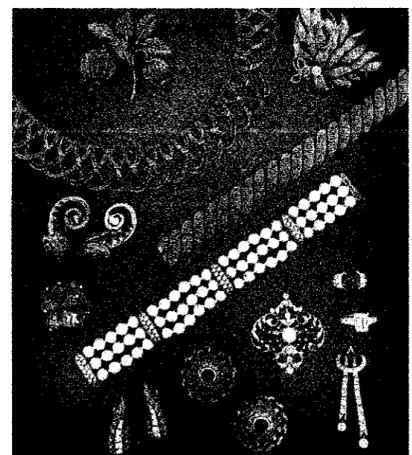
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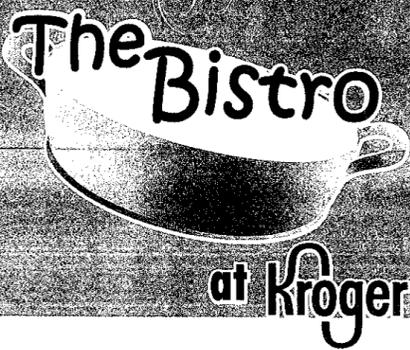


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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North senior gets backdoor view of D.C. politics

By Amy Salvagno
 Staff Writer

He could catch the fever, the one so many pick up when they spend just moments in the nation's capital, wondering at the White House, captivated by the Capitol or marveling at museums and monuments around the historic city.

Next month, Grosse Pointe North High School senior Brandon Davenport will travel to Washington, D.C. as one of only two Michigan students chosen to participate in the United States Senate Youth Program.

The 17-year-old merit-based event provides the opportunity for 104 student delegates from across the country to get an up close look at the workings of the federal government and those who lead it.



Brandon Davenport

The activity-packed week, March 7-14, includes exclusive meetings and briefings with senators, congressional staff, a

justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and leaders of cabinet agencies, as well as a visit to the Oval Office for a meet-and-greet with President Barack Obama.

"To learn the ins and outs and see what it really is to be a politician is going to really open my eyes as to what I will go into," said Davenport, who will attend the University of Detroit Mercy in the fall.

The senior class president — who is also captain of North's lacrosse team, a defensiveman on the North boys ice hockey team, a member of the cross country team and president of the community service organization IMPACT Club — is interested in exploring majors in pre-law, pre-health and education, as well as pursuing a career in physical therapy, education or law.

Davenport received the application for the USSYP from his counselor last September, one that involved tough questions on U.S. history and required an essay on a current issue. He wrote about frontloading.

Davenport was selected from hundreds of applicants from around the state and, along with fellow delegate and Marquette senior Erica Wozniak, will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, with encouragement to study course work in history and political science. All transportation, meals and lodging — in the historic Mayflower Hotel — will be provided by The Hearst Foundations.

"I was very shocked and ecstatic," said Davenport upon hearing the news. "I am completely honored. It was a scholarship that was difficult to get

and I did put a lot of time and energy into it."

It's something his mother, North counselor Jill Davenport, can attest to, particularly when it came to the sometimes true-and-false question test, which she said took about 20 hours for her son to complete.

"The questions were all over the board. The faint of heart probably didn't finish," she said, adding that her son still has some social studies prep work — and suit shopping — to do before the trip.

"It's amazing the amount of work he put into doing this. It's nice to see a well-rounded kid get an opportunity to have this type of experience. It's an opportunity of a lifetime. I think it's going to be life-changing for him. He'll learn things he wouldn't have known otherwise. It's putting the classroom into practical sense."

The students will have very little free time — their week is filled from morning to night,

from breakfast speakers to museum tours to evening concerts and dinners featuring addresses by senators. The agenda reflects the essential issues of the day and at each event, the question and answer session is extensive. A highlight of the week is the USSYP Annual Senate Reception, where all delegates have the opportunity to meet and chat with their U.S. senators.

When students arrive in D.C., they are met by military mentors — a competitively selected team of 17 officers from each service branch who help the delegates move smoothly from one high-level venue to the next and guide them in the necessary protocol.

The program wraps up with a farewell dinner, slideshow and dance.

"I hope it's the experience of a lifetime, to find out if this is really what I want to do," said Davenport. "I'll have a backdoor view of everything."

North to welcome new windows

By Amy Salvagno
 Staff Writer

Winters will be warmer and springtimes more sprightly at Grosse Pointe North High School, thanks to some needed improvements in the insulation department.

Finances from the bond fund are providing for the

metal window replacement project. A bid of \$314,475 was awarded to Designers Mirror and Structural Glass by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

"This will be a significant improvement. Air literally rushes through the glass we have in some classrooms," said Principal Tim Bearden.

"Our building will be warmer and a more comfortable place for students to learn, while at the same time becoming more energy efficient."

According to Christian Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services, the company will remove 158 existing metal siding windows and canopies on

the first, second and third floors that are 41 years old and in disrepair. They will be replaced with single hung windows that can pull open from the bottom and are energy efficient.

Social studies teacher Daniel Quinn is one of many

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Outage sends students home

By Amy Salvagno
 Staff Writer

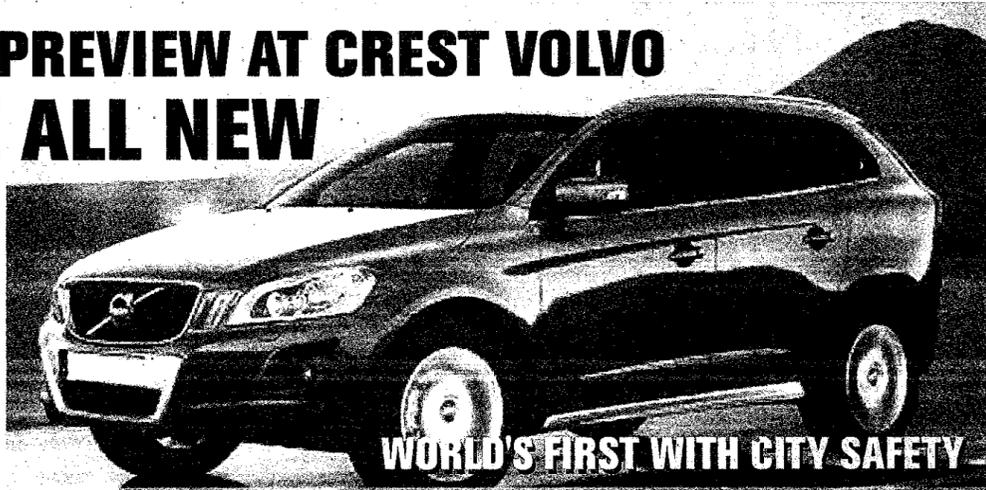
Students at Grosse Pointe South High School almost got an early start to their mid-win-

ter break last week, thanks to a power outage that led officials to call for a morning dismissal Thursday, Feb. 12.

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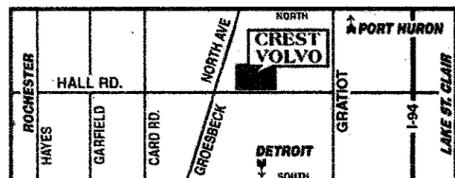
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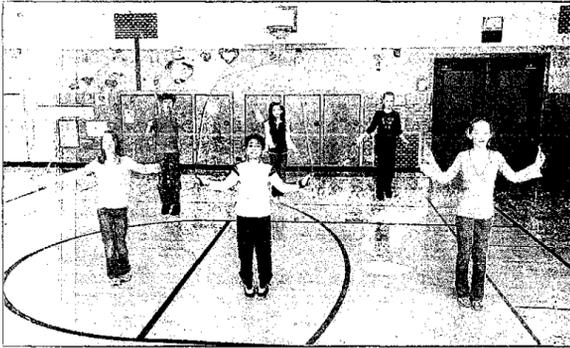
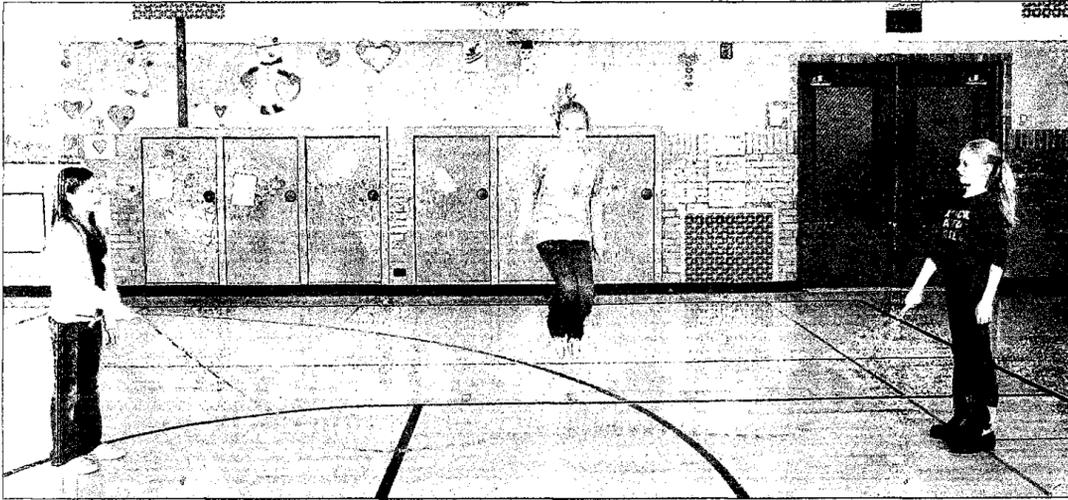
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SCHOOLS



A reason to hop

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Left, fifth-graders at Mason Elementary School took part in Jump Rope for Heart, a national educational fundraising program through the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health.

The event is designed to engage students while raising money to support heart and stroke research. Students seek donations from friends and family and receive thank-you gifts based on the dollars they raise. Mason physical education teacher Deborah Raab organized the activity.

Above, Chandler Lynn jumps as classmates Dalaney Bradley, left, and Hope Adams, right, twirl the rope.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Artwork of ULS alumni on display in exhibit

University Liggett School will welcome six former students for the Young Alumni Art Exhibit Feb. 9-20 in the Manoogian Arts Wing at the main campus, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. The exhibit will feature the work of alumni Andrew Blake, Megan Carleton, Stefania Ford, Inga Moss, Alli Abdallah and Cybelle Codish. The students come from a variety of backgrounds, which will be visible through the paintings, drawings and photography in the show.

The gallery will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding school holidays.

The art is for sale and ULS receives a small commission.

Shop Mom to Mom sale

Christ the King Preschool, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual Mom to Mom Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

Shoppers can arrive from 9:30-10 a.m. for \$2 early bird admission or from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$1 admission. Mothers with strollers will be admitted after 11 a.m.

Children's clothing, furniture, toys, maternity clothes and baby items — including strollers, baby swings and exersaucers — will be some of the featured sale items, both at the individual tables and inside the larger item room.

For more information, e-mail ctkmom2mom@comcast.net or call the preschool at (313) 885-5998, ext. 1.

South choir heads to the Big Apple

Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs "New York, New York" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Proceeds from the benefit concert will help offset the cost of the choir's upcoming trip to New York City.



Main floor tickets are \$15. Rear main floor tickets are \$10, or \$9 for students and seniors. Purchase tickets at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, or online at gpsouthchoir.org.

North performs 'Millie'



Grosse Pointe North High School presents the award-winning musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 through Saturday, March 7, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets are \$5-\$15 and can be purchased at the door. Tickets are also available at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, and at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Gold Cards are welcome.

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North science team shines at Olympiad

Grosse Pointe North High School's Science Olympiad Team finished in second place out of 20 teams at a recent invitational.

Individual student results are as follows: junior Matthew Vengalil and sophomore Stephen Morrison received first place in cell biology; Morrison and freshman Mark

Linington earned first place in the It's About Time category; seniors Mike Matula and David Feldpausch received second place in astronomy; senior Jamie Ding and junior Will Cyr earned second place in remote sensing; seniors David Ulmer and Jamie Ding received second place in physics lab; Jamie Ding and

freshman Jessie Ding earned second place in the Write it, Do it category; Jessie Ding and Linington received third place in forensics; Matula and junior Evan Centala earned third place in fossils; Matula and senior Matt Dailey received fourth place in the dynamic planet category; Jamie Ding and senior Gigi Wong earned

fifth place in environmental chemistry; Matula, Feldpausch and freshman Andrew Remenar received fifth place in trajectory; Feldpausch and Remenar earned sixth place in the electric vehicle category; Cyr and Morrison received seventh place in ecology; and Wong and Dailey earned eighth place in herpetology.



Assumption hosts open house

Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center, 22150 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, holds its open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Visitors can tour the newly expanded and renovated former elementary school and meet staff.

On Friday, Feb. 13, the school welcomed Very Important Valentine visitors during which children and their special guests — from parents and grandparents to aunts and uncles — created Valentine's Day crafts, decorated cookies and played Valentine themed games.

Pictured, Joey Sabela and his father, Mark, create a Valentine craft.

The school is accepting applications for the 2009-10 school year, available at assumptionnursery.org. Call (586) 772-4477 for a tour with school director Anne Chilingirian.

South takes art honors

Grosse Pointe South High School is hoping for a three-time national winner in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, the country's oldest awards program honoring young artists and writers.

National winners will be honored in June at Carnegie Hall in New York City and be invited to workshops in the studios of professional artists.

The school has three regional Gold Key winners, whose works will go on to be judged by a panel of well-known artists, educators and other art professionals. Approximately 25,000 works of art are submitted from more than 80 regional programs.

Alex Smith received a Gold Key for his sculpture portfolio, while Kendall Effinger and Erin Garbarino earned a Gold Key for their art and photo portfolios, respectively. Jennifer Battles, Megan Graham, Patrick Pawlowski and Smith won Gold Keys for individual pieces, which are also going to New York for judging.

Overall, South students won 49 scholastic awards this year. They include: Joy Allgeyer, Silver Key for photography and two certificates for photography; Jennifer Battles, certificate for sculpture and Silver Key for both photography and scul-

ture; Nicholas Blanzky, two certificates for drawing; Melissa Bryan, three certificates for drawing; Zoe Carter, Silver Key for drawing; Kendall Effinger, Silver Key for drawing and two certificates for drawing; Erin Garbarino, Silver Key for photography; Jane Harness, certificate for painting; Kelsey Horn, Silver Key for painting, Silver Key for mixed media and two certificates for painting; Alexandra Kern, certificate for computer art; John Lovasco, Silver Key and certificate for ceramics and glass; Jeremy Munsterman, certificate for drawing; Adriana Notarangelo, certificate for ceramics and glass; Harper Pizzimenti, certificate for computer art; Anna Schulte, Silver Key and two certificates for photography; Alec Smith, two Silver Keys and one certificate for ceramics and glass and two certificates for sculpture; and Olivia Talbot, two certificates for photography.

Last year, South students garnered more than \$600,000 in scholarship offers.

The exhibit of Scholastic Art Awards, Southeastern Michigan Region is open through Saturday, Feb. 28 at the College for Creative Studies. There is no charge to view the artwork.



Calendars donated

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Grosse Pointe presented 350 American History calendars to the Grosse Pointe Public School System for distribution to the district's history and social studies classes. The calendars, published by the U.S. Historical Society, feature pictures of American landmarks and a historical fact for each day of the year, and also celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Pictured is chapter historian Carol Pokladek, left, with GPPSS Superintendent Suzanne Klein.

Power: Winds knock off wire

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According to Assistant Principal Joan Murphy, one of three electrical lines supported by a pole on Grosse Pointe Boulevard became detached, causing hallways and classrooms throughout the school to go dark. Murphy believes strong winds likely loosened the wire.

Power went out around 8:35 a.m., and within five minutes, flashlight-yielding hall monitors were visiting classrooms, informing students and teachers to remain inside. Phones in each room were also not working, so communication with officials went through the public address system and hall monitors.

Murphy said the building was placed on lockdown shortly after the outage.

"Parts of the school were very dark, so we wanted to

make sure we kept students inside and could release them in an orderly and safe manner so no one got injured," she said.

An automated call-out system let parents know around 9:20 a.m. about the early dismissal. The call also went to public safety departments in Grosse Pointe Farms, the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park so officers knew students would be in the neighborhoods.

Murphy said classrooms were dismissed by section and floor beginning around 9:25 a.m.

"We had staff with the students and made sure they got safely to their lockers and safely out of the school," she said. "The dismissal went wonderfully. It was smooth and safe. I'm very proud of the students and very proud of the staff."

The power was restored later that afternoon. Murphy said DTE turned off all main breakers to the school, reconnected the wire and then turned everything back on.

Students returned to class Friday morning.

WINDOWS: Staff looks forward to improvement

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North staff members welcoming the change.

"The current windows are

not insulated and allow for heat to be lost in the rooms. In addition, the original windows do not open, which creates stale air and room circulation problems in extreme conditions," he said.

"The new windows will be energy efficient and allow for better climate control for the classrooms. As with any capital improvement, the learning environment will be improved as a result of better windows."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, for the following variances and/or site plan reviews:

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OBITUARIES

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Ralph J. Kliber

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ralph J. Kliber, 90, passed away suddenly Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009.

He was born May 10, 1918 in Detroit and graduated from St. Cecilia's High School. Mr. Kliber earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Detroit School of Commerce and Finance in 1940, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Detroit Law School in 1945.

Mr. Kliber met his wife, Alice, in 1941 on a blind date. They married in 1943 and had three children. All three of their children became lawyers.

While earning his law degree, Mr. Kliber worked as an accountant for Rutten Welling & Co. and became managing partner in 1964. In 1969 he joined what is now Deloitte & Touche where he headed the firm's national small business department.

He turned to law full time in 1980 when he became a partner at Fischer, Franklin, Ford, Simon & Hogg. In 1993, he opened his own law practice where he continued working full time until his passing.

Throughout his six-decade career as both CPA and attorney, Mr. Kliber held many distinguished positions including past president of the Michigan Association of CPAs and Accountancy Foundation where he was a two-time recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, past professor of auditing at the University of Detroit, member of the governing council of the American Institute of CPAs, past chairman of the board at Bon Secours Hospital, past president of the Bon Secours of Michigan Foundation, past president and treasurer of the One Hundred Club of Detroit which helps the widows and orphans of police and firemen who die in the line of duty,

board member of the Mt. Elliott Cemetery where he served since the mid-1940s, a 50-year member of the Detroit Athletic Club, and co-author of the Michigan Accountancy Act.

A lifelong Roman Catholic and active church member, he served his beloved church in many capacities including past president of the Cardinal Club, lector at both Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Paul on the Lake churches. He enjoyed the behind the scenes work as a weekly columnist for Our Lady Star of the Sea Sunday bulletin for 40 years. He received great comfort and joy from his faith.

Mr. Kliber, who once piloted his boat around the lower peninsula of Michigan, had a lifelong passion for boating. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for nearly 50 years and was commodore in 1971. He was club historian, chairman of the past commodore's club, and 2007 Member of the Year.

With his wife and many good friends, he enjoyed traveling the world with The Nomads where he was able to enjoy his hobby, photography. He was the past chairman of the Nomads and a member for nearly 40 years.

He attributed his lifelong good health to camping every summer of his boyhood with his family at Orchard Beach in Manistee.

Mr. Kliber is survived by Alice, his beloved wife of 65 years; daughter, Elizabeth A.; son, Thomas; five step-grandchildren; brothers, Edward and William and many nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his son, James.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 16 at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to The Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Mary Louise Keane Forcade

Native Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Louise Keane Forcade, 86, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009.

A graduate of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Forcade received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Manhattanville College, N.Y.

For more than 20 years she was national supervisor of Kelly Services, Inc. and traveled across the country overseeing the procedural processes of the company's many branches.

Mrs. Forcade enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, attending symphony performances, painting, golfing and sewing.

She was a past president of the Children of Mary Sodality and the St. Paul Altar Society. She was an emeritus member of the Bon Secours Assistance League.

Mrs. Forcade is survived by her sister, Leontine Keane Cadieux of Grosse Pointe Farms; two sisters-in-law, Marilyn Keane of Grosse Pointe Woods and Anne Boyle of the City of Grosse Pointe; 12 nieces and nephews and 15 grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Reginald N. Forcade; her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William E. Keane and her three brothers, William, Henry and Joseph.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 17 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or the Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart, 801 S. Spoele Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.



Ralph J. Kliber



Mary Louise Keane Forcade



C. Jay Deeds

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Grosse Pointe Park resident C. Jay Deeds, 96, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at Medilodge of Plymouth.

He was born Oct. 8, 1912, in Jumping Branch, W.Va. to Cecil Jason and Sadie Amanda Deeds. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran who served in Hawaii during World War II.

Mr. Deeds was a designer and a sales representative of business forms for Shelby Sales Company.

He is survived by his daughters, Linda (Gary) Hessmer, Nancy (Craig) Holden and Patsy (Tony) Pastoria; twin sons, Jonas and John (Lisa) Deeds; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Ruth E. (nee Fansler) Deeds, who died in 1967.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

Share memories with the family at obit.desmondfuneralhome.com.



Michael P. Looney

Grosse Pointe Club, The Yondotega Club and the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Mr. Earle is survived by his wife, Melinda, and son, Clifford Earle of Los Angeles.

Memorial donations may be sent to Phillips Andover Academy, 180 Main Street, Andover, MA 01810.

Share memories with the family at fullerfuneralhome.com.

Constance Nauman Hannon

Constance Nauman Hannon, loving mother and grandmother, good friend, bright light, world traveler, cat fancier, passed peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009.

Mrs. Hannon was born May 8, 1929, to Arthur P. Nauman and Lucie Todd Nauman of Grosse Pointe Farms, where she married and raised her children. She was a graduate of Smith College. More recently she was a longtime resident of Palm Beach and West Palm

Beach, Fla. Mrs. Hannon is survived by her sister, Lucie Torrance of Woodbury, Conn. and her son, Kevin, his wife, Annie and her two grandsons, Aedan and Brogan of Denver, Colo.

Her family deeply misses her joy, wit and wisdom.

Memorial donations may be made to Save the Children Federation, 54 Wilton Road, Westport, CT 06880 or World Wildlife Fund, 1250 Twenty-fourth Street, N.W., P.O. Box 97180, Washington, DC 20090-7180.



Martin Kenneth Schnurr Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Michael P. Looney, 59, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 at St. John's Senior Community.

He was born June 6, 1949 in Detroit to Christopher and Anne Looney.

Mr. Looney graduated from both the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. He was self-employed in the real estate business.

Mr. Looney was also an antiques collector.

He is survived by his sister, Alice M. Kenifeck; brother, Christopher Looney Jr. and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Thursday, Feb. 19, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Chicago.

Memorial donations may be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Contributions — VE01FS, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

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Martin Kenneth Schnurr Jr.

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Martin Kenneth Schnurr Jr. died Sunday, Feb. 15, with his wife, Virginia and children, Russell (Sydney), Martin (Sue) and Peggy (Paul Muelle) by his side. He was 83.

Mr. Schnurr was born Nov. 19, 1925 to Ruth and Martin in Bayonne, New Jersey. He graduated from the University of Maryland. He was a former FBI agent and steel and automotive industry executive. He was a member of the Lochmoor Country Club.

In addition to his wife and children, Mr. Schnurr is survived by eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held Feb. 17 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Martin Schnurr Memorial Fund at Comerica Bank, 20200 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. 48236. Proceeds will go to the many individuals who helped him through a long and difficult illness.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Beaumont takes over community ambulance runs

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Beaumont Hospital this spring will plant deeper roots in the City of Grosse Pointe by providing the community with ambulance service.

Beaumont Medical Transportation, a Beaumont offshoot, plans in mid April to start the service at no cost to the City.

"(Beaumont) will bill private insurers as needed," said Douglas Gruenwald, BMT operations manager.

Municipal savings are expected to total a minimum of \$4,000 over the City's current ambulance service handled since 1978 by the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.

The switch to Beaumont came when terms with the Park were to escalate to \$30,000 per year.

"Beaumont offers an equivalent service at less cost," said Peter Dame, City manager.

"My only concern is that they provide the same service or better than what the Park has done," said City Councilman John Stevens, a supporter of the switch. "The Park has an unblemished record. That is a tough act to follow."

Beaumont will post two ambulances in the Grosse Pointe area. Each unit will be staffed by two emergency medical technicians with basic life support service, just like the Park.

The City receives about one 911 ambulance call every other day, Dame said.

In response to 911 ambulance calls, City public safety

officers are likely to be first on the scene with the hospital's emergency medical dispatchers providing medical instruction over the telephone, Dame said.

"(This) is a proven life-saving practice that allows a person on the scene to begin administering aid before the ambulance arrives," Dame said.

He said Beaumont's standard for response time is within eight minutes 90 percent of the time.

"This standard is significantly lower than the standard of 10 minutes for urban areas set by the state," Dame said. "Even though this is a service affiliated with Beaumont Hospital, the City resident as a patient will have their choice of destinations."

Beaumont Medical Transportation came into being early last year through a joint venture with Beaumont Hospital and Community EMS, according to Gruenwald.

"By choosing Beaumont Medical Transportation, with backup from Community EMS, the City would enjoy decreased response times and improved patient outcomes," Gruenwald wrote in his proposal.

Beaumont's ambulances will be backed up by other private ambulance companies and provide mutual aid to both the Park and Grosse Pointe Farms at no cost to those cities, Dame said.

"We'll be launching some community education with CPR and first aid training," Gruenwald said. "Those are value-added pieces for citizens of Grosse Pointe."



Celebration

Wink Boutique and Nail Studio, 377 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, observed its first anniversary Wednesday, Feb. 11. Noting the occasion, are from left, Emily Schwessinger, owner Jean Alter-Johnston, Jill Hager, Ronda Word, Mary Casinelli, Lori Carruso, Gail Halliday and Celeste Elsey.

Chamber offers benefits package

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce has partnered with three leading Michigan-based companies, Health Alliance Plan, Delta Dental of Michigan and AAA Michigan to offer benefits to its members.

Aimed at small to mid-sized businesses, the "Power Package" offers special pricing and benefits designed for groups and individuals. Chamber members can customize their options to maximize savings for themselves and their employees. Medical

and dental benefits can be combined — all in one package — and auto, home, life and long-term care insurance coverage is available through AAA Michigan.

"Finding affordable health coverage is a top business concern for Grosse Pointe employers and insurers are developing innovative benefit designs to appeal to price-sensitive buyers in today's tough economy," said Edward Russell, chamber board chairman. "The Pointes'

ability to provide affordable health care access and competitive benefit packages can fuel economic growth and help Grosse Pointe businesses."

Power Package key advantages:

◆ Customized, affordable options and transparency — members can search for rates online.

◆ Personalized support — client representatives available by phone, e-mail, U.S. mail and in person.

◆ Savings — Chamber members can save money by taking advantage of the Power Package.

Chamber members can call their agents or access the Power Package options through the chamber's website, hap.org/grossepointechamberofcommerce.

Agents may also visit the eSales application at hap.org to obtain a quote, or contact HAP at (800) HAP-PLUS (800) 427-7587.

CITY OF G.P.

Village to see new restaurant

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Hamburger hounds will be happy to hear that a new restaurant will be opening in the Village.

The name says it all: Burger Pointe.

Restaurant owner Mark Seely of Grosse Pointe Woods plans to occupy the space vacated last year by Rennell & Company Creative Gift Design, in the 17000 block of Kercheval of downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

"(Seely) has been in the burger wholesale business," said Peter Dame, City manager. "He's always wanted to own a restaurant."

The roughly 40-seat family-oriented restaurant will have a limited menu including hamburgers and chicken sandwiches.

The sandwich shop will create a miniature restaurant row in the middle of the Village.

"It's next to TCBY," Dame said. "People can go next door for yogurt."

Municipal officials approved Seely's plans to install green and white awnings emblazoned with the company name above the front and rear entrances.

Business brief

Phillip A. Brancato, a financial advisor at the Grosse Pointe Woods office of Wachovia Securities, earned the designation of certified financial planner. He completed more than 1,000 hours of study and passed a two-day 10-hour exam testing his knowledge of asset allocation, estate planning, life insurance and retirement planning.



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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2009

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Joseph, Davis, III, Theros, Leonard, Waldmeir.

Absent Were: Councilmember Roby.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Jensen, Director Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

Councilman Roby was excused from attending the Meeting.

Senator Martha G. Scott gave City Council a status update.

The Department of Public Safety Merit Awards were distributed at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2009, were approved as submitted.

The Council approved payment of the statement of attorney's fees from the law firm Dickinson, Wright.

The following Reports were received by the Council and ordered placed on file:

- 2008 Annual Permit Report — Public Service
- Six-Month Financial Report
- Investment Report dated December 31, 2008

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

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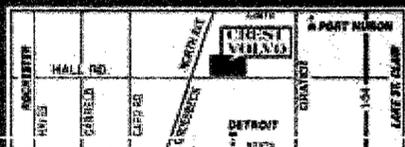
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Those looking for more power will gravitate toward the 2009 Chrysler 300C SRT8 that delivers zero to 60 mph in the low five second range. This sedan is praised for its power, handling, refinement and exterior

Chrysler 300C SRT8 burns up highway



Assembled in Brampton, Ontario, this top-of-the-line Chrysler 300C has a monster 6.1-liter V-8 under the hood.

It's mated to a five-speed automatic transmission with the optional no clutch pedal manual paddle shift that works so well you'd best not shift too far down too fast.

The real fun is in the operation of the 300C SRT8.

Responsive and nimble, it seems to love to go through its paces. The ride was always smooth and quiet except for the day the stone guard under the front bumper tore enough to create a frightening racket. Low-slung cars have problems on driveways with ridges at the street or even shelves of hard packed snow in parking areas.

Not so much fun may be the expense of buying and operat-

ing a car similar to the Chrysler 300C SRT8. Owners will be socked with a \$1,700 gas guzzler tax because that Hemi V-8 gets but 13 miles per gallon in the city and 19 mpg on the highway.

The base price of the 300C SRT8 test car was \$43,860. Four options packages plus a \$700 destination charge kicked that up to a total of \$48,245.

Included in the base price were a power sunroof, rain-sensitive windshield wipers, power adjustable pedals with memory, rear parking assist, outside temperature and compass readings, auto-dimming rearview mirror, 20-inch wheels with all-season performance tires and heated outside mirrors that tilt down when the car is in reverse.

Supplemental front seat air bags and side curtain front-rear air bags were, surprisingly, part of a \$640 option package. One would think additional air bags would be standard on a performance car such as this.

Another package, priced at \$1,460, included a big-time sound system, a DVD video screen beautifully folded into the center console for the bene-

fit of rear seat passengers and satellite radio.

That rear seat, though equipped with three three-point safety belts, was suitable for only two full-size people. The center "seat" is on a puffy cushion that cuts down significantly on head room. And the driveshaft and center console usurp any foot and leg room for this hapless passenger.

Rear seat passengers will have adequate ankle and foot room and probably enough leg room and head room during a long drive. Those two front seats have very thick backs that encroach on rear leg room.

The seats themselves, covered with black perforated suede-like material trimmed with black leather, were comfortable and elegant.

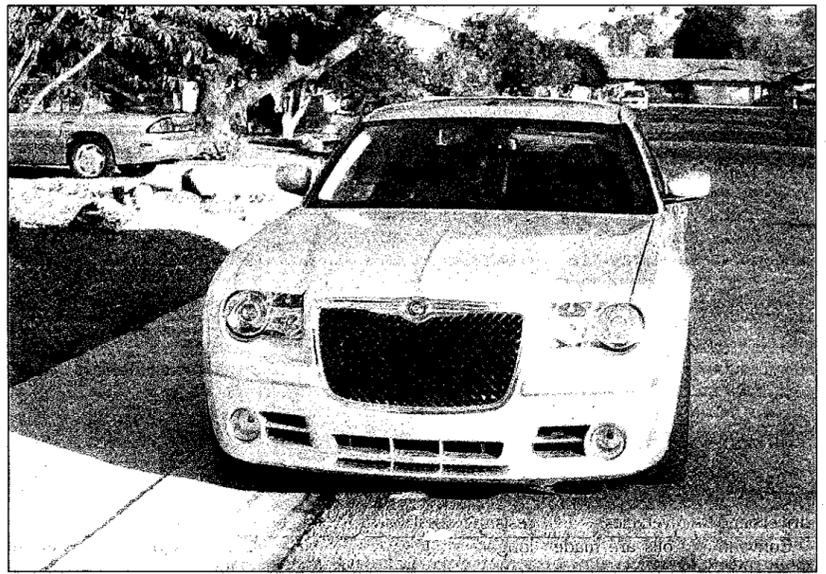
The 425-horsepower Chrysler 300C SRT8 shares the 6.1-liter Hemi V-8 engine with the Dodge Challenger SRT8. It has a performance-oriented camshaft and specially designed intake/exhaust systems and cylinder head.

Chrysler's smaller 5.7-liter Hemi V-8 has two spark plugs per cylinder and is available with the multi-displacement system. This system is designed to increase fuel efficiency by shutting down four of the eight cylinders in steady highway traffic and cruising situations, when extra power is not an issue.

Companions complained about the shallow windows and deep horizontal plateau of the instrument panel. This driver did not object to the designs and found the interior of the speedster luxurious, tasteful, sporty and appealing.



The 2009 Chrysler 300C SRT8, a low-slung, Hemi V-8-powered luxury sport sedan, takes the driver on a special trip, whether in slow-moving city traffic or out on the open road.



Synthetic motor oils

Many car owners feel uncertain about the proper way to take care of their vehicles.

"Most people are very busy and they just want to get into their cars and go," said Kevin Chinn, engine oil technical adviser for ExxonMobil Lubricants & Petroleum

Specialties. "They often do not have the time to spend hours thinking about their car's maintenance needs.

"Even if they have the time, people may feel intimidated by the numerous automotive care

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

General Motors second generation 2009 Pontiac Vibe 1.8L carries a base price of just \$16,100 and shares mechanicals with Toyota's popular Matrix.

Newly designed 2009 Pontiac Vibe 1.8L



This week we're testing the 2009 Pontiac Vibe 1.8L — base price: \$16,100; price as tested: \$18,244. At a time when General

Motors is in need of financial help, consumers in the market for a low cost, fuel-efficient small crossover should take a close look at Vibe, as numerous models are available, including an AWD and a sporty GT design.

Regardless of choice, Vibe's new design is sportier than the previous generation, which debuted in 2002. Specifically, Vibe's exterior motif features a longer windshield, more aerodynamic slope and green-

house, and new lighting elements including a three-tier 16-inch-high taillight assembly.

Our Vibe came with the 132-horsepower 1.8-liter 4-cylinder that develops more power than its predecessor's base engine yet is more fuel-efficient at 26 city and 32 highway. Our tester also featured the 5-speed manual transmission, which offers good pep in combo with the great fuel mileage.

These are all great numbers and should attract just about

anyone in need of low cost, quality transportation. For those who want an automatic with the 1.8, it's a four-speed over-drive design that will run another \$850. It will also drop the fuel mileage numbers and acceleration capabilities, which is why my recommendation is the manual transmission with the base model.

As for interior amenities, don't let Vibe's low base price fool you. The interior flows nicely, utilizing a mixture of low-gloss plastics and satin-metal accents to create a more premium look. Standard items include nice cloth seating, great sounding AM/FM/CD stereo with seek-and-scan, digital clock, Radio Data System, TheftLock and programmable equalizer. Additionally, a 60/40 split that folds flat, tilt-and-telescoping steering, power mirrors, intermittent wipers, 16-inch tires and Pontiac's famous "electro-luminescent" gauges are also standard.

I recommend you pay an extra \$945 for the preferred package that adds all the powers, keyless entry and cruise control. Our tester came with air conditioning, which is extra on the base model, so put \$950 aside if you live in hotter climates and want to keep cool.

Vibe's standard safety package is impressive, highlighted by front, side thorax and pelvic air-bags, as well as front head curtain and side air bags.



2009 Pontiac Vibe 1.8L

MOTOR OIL: Synthetic may be best

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products available on the market. They feel confused about the pros and potential cons of those products."

Chinn believes consumers, with help from their automotive service technician, can easily eliminate confusion over selecting motor oil.

Conventional, mineral-based motor oils remain the most common lubricant type in the automotive market today. They are less expensive than high-performance, premium synthetic oils — which are designed to deliver enhanced engine protection over the long haul.

Those less expensive figures, however, do come at a cost to drivers and their vehicles.

Conventional oils are made with mineral-based stocks re-

fined from crude oil that has been pumped from the ground. While petroleum refining is an advanced science, contaminants such as sulfur, reactive hydrocarbons and other undesirable materials can never be completely removed. They therefore end up in the base stocks that are used as the foundation for conventional motor oil.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, providing the highest level of performance are fully synthetic motor oils.

With more consistency in the size and shape of the molecules, synthetic oils are better able to withstand extreme conditions. Conventional oils which contain less-stable molecules, can break down more quickly when subjected to extreme heat, resulting in harmful deposits and sludge.

Compared to conventional oils, synthetics are engineered to last longer between oil changes, as they are capable of resisting breakdown for much longer.

"It's easy to see that the long-

term benefits of using synthetic oils, both from a performance and financial perspective, can be well worth the investment," said Chinn.

In the past decade, there have been significant changes in driver preferences and manufacturer trends: The growth of SUVs, the rise in high-performance turbo-charged engines, and the desire of most drivers to keep their cars for longer periods of time.

According to Chinn, these shifts in automotive design and driver preferences have made the enhanced protection properties that fully synthetic oils offer compared with conventional lubricants more valuable than ever.

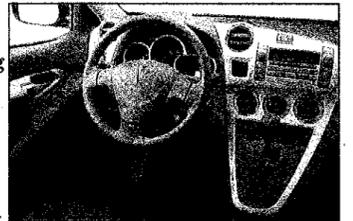
"When you really stop and think about what is happening in the automotive marketplace from both a driver's perspective and manufacturer trends, it's easy to see why informed drivers increasingly want to take advantage of the benefits that synthetic oils offer," said Chinn. "Synthetic oils are almost always a better choice."

There's also more room inside than last year, and the rear seating area can seat two full sized adults with ease. All Vibes also come with electronic stability control, 4-wheel disc anti-lock brakes with brake assist, engine immobilizer and daytime running lights for additional driver and passenger security.

Important numbers for the Vibe include a 102.4-inch wheelbase 2,855-pound curb weight, 1,500-pound tow capacity, 20 cubic feet of cargo space expandable to 49, and a 13-gallon fuel tank.

Our tester priced out at a retail of \$18,744, which includes the above named options and \$35 for a smoker's package, \$79 for premium cargo cover mats and \$635 for destination. A special GM \$500 credit brought the final tally to \$18,244.

We like the new Vibe, and feel it is a worthy choice. Toyota and GM also deserve credit as its joint cooperative



plant in Fremont, Calif., has been turning out good vehicles that date back to Chevy Prisms and Toyota Corollas sharing platform time from 1998 to 2002. Thus, all Vibes are mechanically sound, offer great reliability, and attract decent resale values.

With that, we rate the base Vibe 1.8L a strong 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10, and remind readers a "Red Tag" sale and special incentives are going on right now at your GM dealer.

Likes: New design, forward visibility, price, great fuel mileage, 4-wheel disc ABS.

Dislikes: Rear visibility hindered, new design mimics Toyota Matrix more so than before. Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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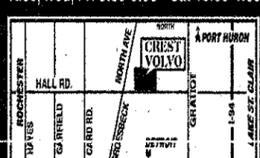
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

'Blah, blah blah'

A traffic officer at about 1:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, pulled over a 25-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman for speeding a silver 2000 Isuzu Rodeo 41 mph on Kercheval near Neff. She later admitted drinking.

During a field sobriety test, the officer asked her to count backward from 89 to 61.

"(She) stopped at 78 and said, 'Blah, blah, blah,' before starting back up and stopping at 68," said the officer.

Police said a search of her vehicle turned up near the dri-

ver seat an open 24-ounce Faygo bottle containing rum. The woman registered a .212 blood alcohol level.

Crossed the line

A 49-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman was arrested for drunken driving shortly after being pulled over at 3:04 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15. Police noticed her weaving her black 2002 Cadillac on eastbound Jefferson from Neff to Island Lane.

"(I) continued following the vehicle and noticed it crossing the center line," said the arresting officer.

The woman registered a .172

percent blood alcohol level.

Triple teamed

A team of female shoplifters are suspected of targeting a women's clothing store in the Village shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.

"Three white females took 23 items of clothing to try on in the fitting room, but did not purchase any," said a store clerk.

About 20 minutes later, the clerk was gathering the items and noticed an empty hanger for a \$259 orange leather coat.

"(The employee) suspects the women were working together to steal an item from the

store," said an officer called to the scene.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Slip-sliding away

A patrolman monitoring the area of Mack and Moross shortly before 3 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, didn't have much good to say about the driving ability of a 21-year-old Dearborn man who, during a snowstorm,

braked too late for a red light and slid to a stop in the intersection.

"(He) failed to use due regard and caution for road conditions," said the officer.

The man, driving a purple 2007 Mazda RX8, failed a series of field sobriety tests, registered a .121 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving.

13 suspensions

A 51-year-old Detroit man attracted police attention at 11:35 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, by rushing through a yellow light on westbound Mack and Gateshead, across from Kerby.

The man's 1992 GMC Jimmy reportedly carried a license plate registered to a 1995 Dodge.

"(A) Secretary of State check showed his license to be suspended 13 times and expired

since April 2008," said the arresting officer.

Hot car

It only took five minutes for car thieves to spot an unattended and unlocked 2005 Chrysler 300 being warmed up in the driveway of a house in the 400 block of Moran.

The car's female owner reported it stolen at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Masked bandits

Shortly before 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, a woman living on Webber Place called police to report a "loud pounding on her roof."

Officers investigated, found nothing suspicious and credited the noise to raccoons.

Crossing over

A patrolman cruising southbound Lakeshore arrested a 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman for drunken driving at 10:35 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.

The officer spotted the woman speeding a 2007 Cadillac 55 mph from Marter to Hawthorne.

"The vehicle would not maintain its lane and crossed over numerous times," said the officer.

The woman reportedly registered a .286 percent blood alcohol level, more than three times the legal limit.

She was released from jail the next morning on \$500 bond.

Inform police

An 84-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man called police at about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, to admit he'd driven off Willison at Lakeshore and knocked over a stop sign.

Officers replaced the sign with a temporary one.

False alarm

Officers in two fire trucks and one squad car responded to a fire alarm at 4:12 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the 1000 block of Lakeshore.

The run was canceled when officers discovered the alarm had been triggered by an opening garage door that interfered with electrical wires.

—Brad Lindberg

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With a hot dog in hand and the warm breezes cooling the spectators, spring is rounding second base as fans watch the Tigers during **spring training** in Lakeland, Fla. It's the perfect way to begin the season.

Ushering in spring

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

"For lo, the winter is past,
 The rain is over and gone;
 The flowers appear on the earth;
 The time of the singing of birds
 is come, And the voice of the
 turtle is heard in our land."

Hall-of-Fame Detroit Tigers broadcaster, Ernie Harwell, recited this poem each and every spring in anticipation of the team's arrival to the ballpark to start another season.

Last weekend, the Tigers officially kicked off the 2009 season with spring training in Lakeland, Fla.

It's the time of year when fans vacationing in Florida and take in a Tigers' spring training game. It's a perfect way to relax.

The Tigers have called Lakeland home since 1934, which is the longest relationship between a franchise and host city in spring baseball history.

They play at Joker Marchant Stadium, which opened in 1966 and has a capacity for



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The Detroit Tigers spend each spring training playing home games at Joker Marchant Stadium, above. The stadium packs in the fans during the month the team is in town.

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University Liggett School presents Author Michael Byers

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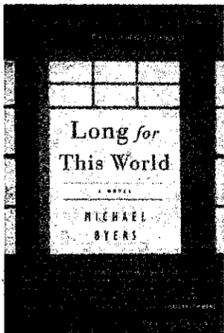
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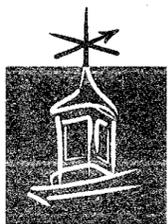
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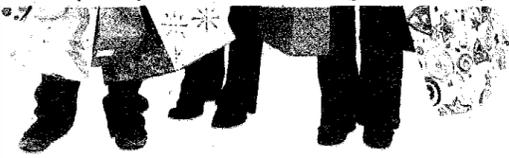
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Woods woman earns conservation medal

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Barbara Hayes was recently given the Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Medal by the local chapter.

This medal is awarded to a person with a distinguished conservation record. The criteria is to possess outstanding efforts in wildlife and nature centers, resource management, park establishment, youth leadership, the media, or education on the college, high school or elementary lev-



Barbara Hayes received a national conservation medal from a local DAR chapter.



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From left, Liz Hardwick, Louisa St. Clair DAR Conservation Chair; DAR member Diane Sampson and Barbara Hayes of Grosse Pointe Woods

el, according to the DAR's guidelines.

Hayes has been a master gardener for years, achieving the status of advanced master gardener. She has been on the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Committee as well as the city's tree commit-

tee. She worked with the Greening of Detroit now known as Detroit Agricultural Network.

Hayes teaches young women at Alternatives for Girls how to grow and use vegetables. She visited Logan

Elementary School in Detroit to identify native plants rescued by science students from the now-closed Higgins School.

Hayes is the executive director of the Detroit Garden Center, 1900 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

BASEBALL: All American pass time

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8,500 fans. When fans drive into the main entrance of the stadium, they are welcomed by palm trees and large banners containing artist's renditions of Tigers greats Lou Whitaker, Alan Trammell, Norm Cash and Al Kaline.

Last year, 126,124 fans attended a Tigers game, including many from the Grosse Pointes.

Tickets for the 2009 spring exhibition season will be priced at two separate levels with all prices remaining the same as last year, said Tigers' public relations representative Rick Thompson.

The first set is for premium games, which include all games against the Atlanta Braves, New York Mets, New York Yankees and all Friday, Saturday and Sunday games.

The second price level is for the remainder of the schedule.

Premium game ticket prices range from \$10 to \$21, while the ticket prices for the remain-

der of games range from \$8 to \$19.

The ticket prices are among the cheapest in the Grapefruit League, which is a nickname for spring training games played in Florida. The games played in Arizona are called the Cactus League.

According to a fan who wrote about experiencing a Tigers game at Joker Marchant Stadium, the first thing he noticed is the more than 600 bright orange box seats. They occupy the first rows of seating below the main aisle in the grandstand that extends from first base to third base.

There isn't a bad seat in the house, but make sure not to park anywhere behind the bleacher grandstands down the leftfield line. Cars there can be in the way of a foul ball that leaves the stadium and ends up on the front seat after crashing through the windshield.

In fact, most of the seats in the bleacher area offer a spectacular view of the ballpark. Sitting back with a hot dog in hand and a warm breeze caressing your face is just what the doctor ordered to cure the winter blues.

Another positive feature about sitting in the left field bleachers is the attraction of catching a foul ball. Once the

ball is nestled in the fan's hands, it's time to get an autograph or two.

Ballplayers are available for autographs during this leisure time when the veterans are making sure they're sharp and the rookies are trying to earn a spot on the team that travels north when spring training is over.

Fans can also stand behind the few rows of box seats directly behind third base and not worry about obstructing anyone's view. This spot is a gap between the main and left-field bleacher grandstands.

The culinary items are also commendable and quite affordable for a family attending a ball game.

The Tigers recently released its 2009 spring training schedule at Joker Marchant Stadium.

They play the Atlanta Braves Wednesday, Feb. 25; the New York Mets Saturday, Feb. 28, Florida Southern University Monday, March 2; Team Venezuela Tuesday, March 3; Team Panama Wednesday, March 4; the Washington Nationals Thursday, March 5; the New York Yankees Sunday, March 8, and Wednesday, March 11; the Mets Friday, March 13; the Toronto Blue Jays Saturday, March 14; the St. Louis Cardinals Monday,

March 16; the Houston Astros Tuesday, March 17; the Nationals Friday, March 20; the Florida Marlins Sunday, March 22; the Tampa Bay Rays Thursday, March 26; the Braves Sunday, March 29; the Nationals Tuesday, March 31; the Braves Wednesday, April 1; and the final spring training home game is slated for Thursday, April 2, against the Blue Jays.

As a side note, the city of Lakeland's Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining the facilities, which during the summer are home to the Tigers' minor league affiliate, the Lakeland Tigers of Class.

Season ticket packages for the 2009 Tigers spring training games are on sale at the Joker Marchant Stadium ticket office or can be ordered by mail at: Detroit Tigers, attn: Ticket Office, 2125 N. Lake Ave., Lakeland, FL 33805.

Fans may also purchase season tickets at tigers.com.

Individual game tickets are on sale. Fans can call 866-66-TIGER. For additional information, call the Lakeland office at (863) 686-8075.

Correction

Kaiya Jane Mestemaker, was born Aug. 25, 2008, in the Swedish Medical Center. She was 6 lbs., 14 oz. and 19 inches long. Peter and Molly (Forster) Mestemaker are the parents.



Owen Walling was born Sept. 26, 2008, at Wake Memorial Hospital in Raleigh, N.C. He weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches. Parents are Brad and Emily (Nielubowicz) Walling.



Grosse Pointe Preps

Dear Grosse Pointe Girls:

Some of my college classmates take issue with Grosse Pointe. They assume all Grosse Pointers are snobs. What's the most polite way to handle this without getting defensive?

SINCERELY,
SOPHOMORE SUZIE

Dear Suzie:

We've all been there. Sometimes people can mis-

take being proud of your community for pretentiousness. We recommend focusing on the positive. Make sure your classmates know you realize how lucky you are to live in such an amazing community.

We have been blessed with natural beauty, generous neighbors, fantastic public services and incredible schools. Remind your friends we face the same challenges as any other community - and avoid talking about dinner at the club and your last yachting rendezvous. What they don't know won't hurt

them!

And if you're proud of your yachting ventures and are determined to share your stories, invite them along!

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Memory and mental fitness

The Center of Lifelong Learning for Active Adults hosts gerontologist Marcia Relyea who will present a class on memory and mental fitness from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the Commons Room at St. Peter the Apostle Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

To register, call (313) 886-1770.

Detroit Writers

Metro Detroit Writers meets from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth, Detroit.

Featured writers will be Eddie Bell, Diamond Dancer, Maria Costantini, Jeff Vande Zande and Robert Downes.

For more information, call (313) 831-1250.

Optimist

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe holds an open New Optimists Wanted meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Refreshments will be served and club members will explain the club's mission, its programs and how they benefit the community's youth.

Book sale

A used book and video sale to support the American Cancer Society will be from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the main lobby of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

There will be a variety of like-new books, those by best selling authors, Oprah's book club selections, cooking, crafts and children's titles. Hardcover books will sell for \$3, paperbacks \$2 and children's books are \$1 or less.

Partners in Parenting

Behavior management is the topic of Veronica McAtee's talk from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Beaumont Hospital.

She will talk about children from newborn to age 6.

The free lecture will be held in the Connelly Auditorium, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

The event is held in conjunction with The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper

Woods and Beaumont Hospital.

For more information, call (313) 432-3832 or write info@familycenter.web.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts dentist Maria Cserhalmi Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Lochmoor Club. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the program is from 7:45 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$27 for members and \$29 for nonmembers.

For more information, call Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

Italian Heritage

The Italian Heritage Society and the Detroit Film Theatre of the Detroit Institute of Arts hosts the film premiere of "Gomorra," based Robert Saviano's 2006 best-seller, on Friday, Feb. 27, at the DIA, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

Andrea DiTommaso provides the introduction to the film at 6:15 p.m. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the film.

The film tells the story of five people in contemporary Naples equated with the Biblical city of Gomorra, under the Italian organized crime empire known as the Camorra. Characters include an aged bagman who delivers payments to people on behalf of his crime-syndicate bosses, a tailor and two young gangsters. The movie has won five European film awards in 2008. The cost is \$25.

Family tradition

Take in a family Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 1 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$17.95 and include tax, gratuity and a Historic Preservation Fee. A children's menu will be offered for those under 8 years.

The brunch includes fruits, sweet breads, quiche, French toast sticks, soup, salad, apricot glazed chicken breast, corn souffle, mostaccioli and a selection of desserts.

To make a reservation, call (313) 881-7511.

There will be a 2 p.m. performance of the comedy, "The Underpants," performed by the Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Tickets for the play may be purchased by calling (313) 881-4004.

Wild game dinner

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe hold its 15th annual Wild Game Dinner and Boxing Classic from 6 to 11 p.m., Friday, March 6, at Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores.

Live, sanctioned, amateur boxing follows the dinner. The evening includes raffle prizes, gunboard drawings and 50/50 drawings of \$1,000.

Past proceeds have been given to the Foundation for Exceptional Children, the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, the Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund, Wigs 4 Kids and the Grosse Pointe Farms Fishing Rodeo.

Tickets start at \$85 with discounts for tickets of 10 or more. For more information, call Nancy Grosse at (313) 408-0108 or (313) 885-0108.

Aerobics

The Neighborhood Club offers a low-impact aerobics class from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the gym.

The class includes stretching for flexibility, floor work to target and tone the core and trouble spots, and cardio to strengthen the heart, joints and muscles. A mat and supportive shoes are recommended.

The next session is from March 2 - April 6. The fee is \$79. Sign up for the following session beginning April 20 and pay \$145 for both sessions.

Register online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call (313) 885-4600 or visit neighborhoodclub.org.

T-ball

The Neighborhood Club is offering T-Ball for boys and girls born between 2002-05.

Games are played on Saturdays from April 25 - June 13 and practice is held weekly.

The fee is \$85 and the registration deadline is March 11. Register online at neighborhoodclub.org or in person from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.



Women of Wayne

The Grosse Pointe Chapter of Women of Wayne hosts its annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show Saturday, March 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Coldwater Creek will provide the fashions. There will be a silent auction. The Chocolate Bar Cafe will offer chocolate delicacies and Tidings of Love, Inc. offers angel-themed jewelry and gifts. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The meal is served at noon and the fashion show is at 1 p.m. The cost is \$30. Reservations must be in by Friday, March 6. Send a check payable to W.O.W. G.P. to Santina Miller, 20202 VanAntwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225. For multiple guests, include all names. The organization's board of directors are: seated Laura Kystad of Grosse Pointe Woods and Joan Wright of Harper Woods; standing from left, Jean Wright of Grosse Pointe Park, Santina Miller of Harper Woods, Jane McGraw of Grosse Pointe Farms, Georgina Imbriaco of St. Clair Shores, Rose Hauck of Harper Woods, Theresa Loria of Roseville, Arliss Zink of Eastpointe and Marti Miller of Grosse Pointe Woods.



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Exceptional children

Chase Wakefield of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club presented a \$1,500 check to Deb Moffat, director of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Exceptional Children, shoe membership includes Quovantai Snorden, Terria Brown, Jalenn Brooks, Byron Clark and DeVon Buford. The donation helps provide scholarships for children with special needs and vision issues and field trips and therapy services for the more than 20 children in the program.

Karate — a class for entire family

A family of four walked into the gym at Kerby Elementary School and removed their shoes and socks.

The boy and girl joined a row of children. The parents stood in a line of adults.

After being "bowed in" by Master Michael Schaefer, the class began moving to warm their muscles in preparation for an hour of blocks, strikes and kicks.

Schaefer, a sixth-degree black belt, teaches a form of karate called Isshin-Ryu which trains the upper and lower body equally. At the beginning of each class, students line up in front of Schaefer, with the new adults at the end of the adult line and the new juniors (ages 8-17) at the end of the junior line.

Basic Isshin-Ryu movements begin after warm-up. New students are separated from the class to learn the movements. The class reunites later to do more exercises, instruction and practice.

The Grosse Pointe Karate Club attracts people from all walks of life to its traditional Okinawan karate class, offered through the Neighborhood Club.

Schaefer has taught the class for 12 years, and said



PHOTO COURTESY THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB

Michael Schaefer, a sixth-degree black belt, prepares his class for an hour of blocks, kicks and strikes.

age and ability pose no obstacle because the class easily adapts to varying skill levels.

"The most important part of taking this class is just showing up, making it through the door to class," Schaefer said.

He recommends viewing a class before signing up for it.

Schaefer said, "This is a family-oriented activity. We often have a parent with a child or whole families in the class."

Kevin Zizio, Neighborhood Club assistant recreation director, said friends often take

the class together. The class also presents an opportunity to meet new people, he added.

Schaefer said the benefits of learning and practicing karate go beyond strengthening the body and getting in shape.

"The focus you learn in the class can help you stay calm in a stressful situation. With kids, it helps them in school because it builds confidence and improves their ability to focus. The ability to remain calm can help adult relationships too," he said.

Children must show

Schaefer their grades and once they've begun mastering the skills in the class he hasn't seen a C on a report card.

Military personnel who served in Okinawa in the 1950s learned karate and are credited with bringing it to the United States.

The class meets from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$100 per six-week session plus a \$57 annual registration fee. For \$125, students may also take the class on Saturdays. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Neighborhood Club. For more information, call (313) 885-4600 or visit neighborhoodclub.org. More information is available at grossepointekarateclub.org.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Breakfast

Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast is from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20 in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Fellowship Hall, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Jim Sheridan of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church is the speaker. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Fine dining

The Royal Eagle at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods, offers a full menu of food from around the world from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. All proceeds go toward the completion of the monastery. For reservations, call (313) 521-1894.

Shrove Tuesday

The Feb. 24 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by the J2A youth group is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson. The cost is \$5 and \$15 for a family.

Fish fry

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus hold a Lenten Mission and fish fry from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 175 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Bishop Daniel E. Flores will speak in the school gym.

Tea house

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested donation is \$20. Call (313) 521-1894 for reservations.

Fashion

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Women sponsor "Fashion for Compassion" at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. All profits go to Cass Community Services in Detroit. The luncheon features fashions from Chicco, Pretty Things, La Jolie Rose, Hannah Bear and Kelly's Kids. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$12 for children. To buy a ticket, sponsor a centerpiece or for more information, call Angela at (313) 882-4657, Michelle at (313) 822-9366 or the church office at (313) 886-2363.

Ash Wednesday

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist will be at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson. The evening service will include music. For more information, visit christcd.org.



Ewald Foundation

The H.T. Ewald Foundation observed its 80 years of helping metro Detroit children with scholarships and educational programs. A December fundraiser at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park included a 50-50 drawing. Jacob Graff, left, and Cliff Ewald drew the winning ticket held by Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman Joe Sucher, right. The councilman gave his winnings back to the foundation. Three past recipients of Ewald Foundation Scholarships, Rohen Shah of Plymouth, a student at the University of Michigan; Jennifer Stokes of Detroit who attends Michigan State University School of Veterinary Medicine; and Benjamin Topping of Trenton who attends the University of Michigan, entertained the attendees with their musical abilities.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Marla K. Ruhana

Recognizing postpartum depression



Q I had a baby three weeks ago. How do I know if I have postpartum depression?

A Following childbirth, 85 to 95 percent of new mothers experience some form of mood complication. Many suffer from symptoms during pregnancy and many suffer after delivery.

The "baby blues" differ from depression in severity

and duration. It is normal to have temporary sadness and lack of energy within the first weeks of childbirth. It is common for women to experience forgetfulness, tearfulness, anxiety, irritability, fluctuating mood swings, insomnia, sleep deprivation and crying episodes.

The baby blues typically subside in a few weeks, when hormones have settled. You can have bouts of baby blues throughout the first year of your baby's life, but the sadness is temporary and usually managed with support from loved ones.

If your symptoms are more severe or last longer, you may be suffering from postpartum depression, a treatable medical condition that can become serious if ignored. Women with PPD usually exhibit multiple signs every day, for an extended period (unlike baby blues, in which women sporadically feel sad, but are able to resume happiness).

Signs of postpartum depression include:

- ◆ depressed mood
- ◆ feelings of inadequacy as a wife and mother

- ◆ feelings of hopelessness
- ◆ impaired sleep patterns
- ◆ lack of interest or bonding with newborn

◆ diminished ability to perform daily activities, social isolation, crying episodes and decreased self care

- ◆ fear and shame expressing these feelings

◆ severe mood swings, including agitation, outbursts of anger, and/or euphoria

◆ decreased concentration and impaired appetite. In very serious cases, women may experience postpartum psychosis, which can be detrimental to a new moth-

er, her children and the entire family.

Postpartum psychosis can include all of the signs associated with PPD and at least a few of the following: suicidal or homicidal ideation, hallucinations, delusions, extreme anxiety and hopelessness and mood vacillating between despair and elation.

Many women repress these feelings of shame, guilt and inadequacy, fearing the opinions and reactions of others. There is no shame in PPD. Help is available.

The Tree of Hope Foundation offers free post-

partum support groups, that meet weekly, with no referral or registration required.

They are held Monday-Thursday in Rochester, Troy, West Bloomfield, Commerce Township and St Clair Shores. For more information on PPD or support programs, contact Tree of Hope at (877) HOPE-311,

treeofhopefoundation.org, or Marla Ruhana at (586) 447-2162, marlaruhana.com.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org.

To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

Family Center sets out redesigned website

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods rolled out its redesigned and more user-friendly website, familycenterweb.org.

According to Deborah Liedel, executive director, "We have just launched a complete redesign of our familycenterweb.org website. The newly enhanced site serves as a com-

munity hub providing extensive online access to information, resources and referrals. Visitors will be able to view or download Navigating the Adolescent Years: A Road Map, Ask the Experts articles, program fliers and much more valuable information.

"We've added the new Association of Professionals

online referral directory, along with polls, links and improved photo galleries. The Family Center is grateful to the support of its marketing committee members for lending their expertise on this extensive project."

The website still offers the items from the old website, such as past issues of the quar-

terly newsletter, Family Central, as well as all Ask the Experts columns and upcoming Family Center events listings.

An Association of Professionals listing and a donation link so supporters can more easily contribute to the parent and family focused organization has also been added.

The professionals directory is designed to give parents, family caregivers and professionals the opportunity to connect with local professionals and practitioners, including social workers and therapists, psychiatrists and psychologists, drug and alcohol counselors, nurses and clergy.

The Donate Now button in the upper left-hand column of the new homepage links

donors to a secure PayPal page that allows contributors to use a Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover card. Contributors who already have their own PayPal account may use their own log-in.

There is also a link to get involved in the center. Options include becoming a program sponsor, hosting a third-party event or benefit, in-kind services, volunteering, authoring an Ask the Experts column and joining the Association of Professionals.

The Links menu item connects website viewers to health, learning, media/entertainment and parenting resources.

Other online resources include a list of The Family Center's collection of DVDs available for checkout at

Grosse Pointe Public Libraries and a PDF copy of the resource guide, "Navigating the Adolescent Years: A Roadmap."

The redesigned website never looks same. Rotating images of families and caregivers give it a new look each time its visited.

"We encourage parents, grandparents and other family caregivers, as well as our many loyal supporters and professionals, to visit our redesigned website and see what The Family Center has to offer," Liedel said.

"We are excited to take advantage of today's technology to help us help you in raising successful children who will become tomorrow's successful and productive adults and parents."

HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Al-Anon attendance is important to entire family



Dear Jeff and Debra: My 34-year-old daughter is in treatment for alcoholism and a cocaine problem. Her father and I went to the family program offered by the treatment center. It was a good experience, and we learned a lot about addiction. I think we're better prepared to help her when she returns home.

What we don't understand is the counselor's insistence that her father and I attend Al-Anon, the self-help group for families. Our daughter doesn't live in our house, so we really don't think her problems have affected us other than the usual worrying. Do you think it's really necessary?

—A GROSSE POINTE MOM AND DAD

Dear Mom and Dad: Everyone who has a close relationship with an addicted

person is affected by the addiction. It takes its toll on a family's physical health and emotional well-being, although most people don't recognize the ways they've been hurt.

The longer we are subjected to another person's alcoholism, the more we change. Addiction creates unmanageability and families respond by trying to bring things back to normal. The trouble is that the disease of addiction always knocks everyone off center again. As a result, two things begin to happen: families try harder to create balance and they grow more accustomed to being off balance.

Trapped in this alcoholic system, everyone scrambles to manage the problem. The alcoholic family must twist and bend their behaviors, emotions, thoughts and spirits in an attempt to compensate for the negative consequences caused by the alcoholism. Over time, these contortions are hardened into character defects: resentment, perfectionism, caretaking, controlling behavior...and the list goes on.

Character defects spill into

every area of our lives. They affect people around us and can be passed on from generation to generation. The alcoholic may be out of our life, but our character defects remain part of our day-to-day living. Even after alcoholics get sober, character defects are integrated into our personalities. For this reason, people close to the alcoholic must work with Al-Anon to overcome the ways alcoholism has changed them.

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Jeff Jay and Debra Jay of Grosse Pointe Farms are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

Exercise stress away at no charge

In observance of Heart Health Awareness month, Assumption Cultural Center's kalosomatics exercise program is being offered at no charge during February, at a variety of skill levels.

Current students may invite friends, relatives or acquaintances to any kalosomatics exercise class for free for the entire month of February.

If the guest subsequently

registers for the exercise class by the end of February, both will receive a \$10 gift certificate toward the nine-week exercise session.

The kalosomatics exercise program is approved by physiologists and doctors as safe and effective.

Kalosomatics is a compilation of words meaning "a state of well-being through body movement." Tailored to all

ages and skill levels, the program is guided by certified instructors and employs traditional Yoga and Pilates-like mat work, with emphasis on cardiovascular development.

◆ Women's Kalosomatics (aerobics, circuit-training, step, kickboxing and yoga) 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

◆ Women's kalosomatics (same as above, but more cardio) 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

◆ Co-ed kalosomatics cross-training & aerobics (the most challenging class) 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

◆ Co-ed moderation (less strenuous form, low-impact movements) 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

◆ Co-ed stretch & stroll chair aerobics (less strenuous, chair exercises combined with low-impact cardio segment) 10:15-11:15 a.m.

◆ Co-ed Saturday kalosomatics cross training & aerobics 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call (586) 779-6111 ext 4.

EyesOn design theme advertising

The Art of Automobile Advertising and Design is this year's theme for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology-sponsored EyesOn Design car show.

The show, to be held Sunday, June 21 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores, is a fundraiser for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology's programs addressing the needs of the blind and visually impaired. EyesOn Design will couple

the vehicles shown with reproductions of the advertisements of the era the vehicle was marketed. Adjacent to each car will be a 24-by-36 foot photocopy of each ad. Taking the hint from collections, the EyesOn Design leadership selected categories of cars and motorcycles, as well as individual vehicles, that explore the theme.

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SOC events scheduled for March and April

Lunch and Learn

11:30 a.m. Mon., March 2
Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, Detroit, will discuss Plant Life on the Isle Royale. He will show photos he took of Isle Royale, an island in Lake Superior, a national park belonging to the state of Michigan.

11:30 a.m. Tues., March 3
Tony the Tax Man, Tony Zoia of Zoia & Associates, will discuss tax changes for 2009 including property tax deductions and credits, and non-cash contributions. He will also answer questions.

11:30 a.m. Wed., March 4
Representatives from Heartland - Georgian East will discuss physical and occupational therapy as it relates to older individuals. They will provide an informative and interactive presentation about balance and standing and ways to stay safe at home. The presentation will include a discussion on the benefits of therapy to stay strong and independent and techniques to use at home.

11:30 a.m. Mon., March 23
The Hon. Judge Mary Waterstone, past president of Friends of Belle Isle, will present a 20 minute video of Belle Isle produced by Mort Crim. She will also provide an update on what's new on the island and answer questions.

11:30 a.m. Wed., March 25
Gerald Cohen, M.D., cardiologist and medical director of non-invasive cardiology at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will discuss stroke risk factors, symptoms, diagnostic tests, lifestyle modification and treatment options.

11:30 a.m. Mon., March 30
Dr. Matthew Gill will answer health questions placed in the "Ask Dr. Gill" box and others raised during his group presentation.

Unless otherwise stated, reservations are not necessary for Lunch and Learn presentations. Those not having lunch are asked to arrive no later than 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Mon., April 6
Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan representatives will discuss legal representation. Sign up in advance for a free consultation on guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, assisted living, senior housing, Medicaid and Medicare following the presentation. Make an appointment by calling SOC at (313) 882-9600.

11:30 a.m. Wed., April 22
Damien Buchkowski, a registered dietitian at the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will discuss how to maximize physical and emotional well-being through food and beverage choices.

11:30 a.m. Mon., April 27
Dr. Matthew Gill will answer health questions placed in the "Ask Dr. Gill" box and others raised during his group presentation.

SOC Special Events March

"Celebrating the Motor City" — 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 9. Start off a Celebration of the Motor City by working on Motor City word searches and puzzles.

Detroit Jeopardy — 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10. Participants will gather into teams and play Detroit Jeopardy.

Around the Town Photos... Can You Guess What Year? — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 11. Bring in a photograph of a local landmark and the year it was taken and a few clues to the year it was taken. Picture frames will be awarded to the person who

is the best guesser. Also, March birthdays will be celebrated.

Your Walk Down Wedding Lane — 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 13. Those that celebrated a wedding in Detroit are asked to bring a photo or another piece of memorabilia for a "Walk Down Wedding Lane." Participants will take turns sharing memories.

St. Patrick's Day Party — 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 17. A buffet catered by Blue Pointe Restaurant includes corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, cottage cheese and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by "The Dance DJ's." The cost is \$12. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

Meet the Mayors — 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 18. The mayors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods will visit and later deliver Meals on Wheels.

Pizza Lunch and Friday Afternoon at the Movies — 11 a.m. Friday, March 27.

Salad, pizza, dessert, drinks and a box lunch to take home will be served before a showing of "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl." The period piece set in the Great Depression is based on the

American Girl book series. Call (313) 882-9600 to make reservations. The cost is \$5 per person.

SOC Special Events April

April Fool's Day Party — 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 1. Come in looking foolish... maybe with clothing on backward, inside out or upside down or a crazy outfit and be eligible for a prize. Karaoke will serve as entertainment. Following lunch, Sanders hot fudge sundaes will be served. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations. The cost is \$5 per person.

Aging Well: The Best Revenge — 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8. Representatives from Village of East Harbor share how to age better. A free hot lunch of breaded chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans almandine, tossed salad, rolls, dessert and lemonade will be served. April birthdays will also be celebrated. Reservations are mandatory, call (313) 882-9600.

Love our Earth Week — 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 13. The documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" about

global warming created by former Vice President Al Gore addresses man and greenhouse gases and illuminates some of the myths surrounding both of its subjects.

Healthier Living Tips — 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 14. Melissa Sargent of LocalMotion, a grassroots, solutions-driven, community-based organization dedicated to better health through fewer toxins, will offer "Healthier Living Tips" for reducing exposure to toxins.

Every Little Bit Helps: What We All Can Do To Keep Ourselves and Our Planet Healthy — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15.

Lisa Hamby of Eco-Logic/Eco-Living will discuss what to do inside and outside that impact personal health and the health of the planet.

So What Really Happens To Your Recycled Rubbish After It's Picked Up At The Curb? — 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 17.

Mary Jo Van Natter of Great Lakes Recycling will discuss what happens to recycled rubbish after it goes into the recycling bin.

Guess Who? Photo Contest — 11:30 a.m. Monday, April

20. Secretly bring in a photo of yourself when you were young. The photos will be numbered and participants will be given a list of those who brought in their photos. Match the person with the photo. Prizes will be given to the best guessers. Bring photos in a bag and place on Susan and Joan's desk.

Learn how to play "Texas Hold'em Poker" — 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22.

Instructor Harry Burkey will demonstrate the basics of Texas Hold'em poker, teach the strategy applied to the game and show how players make it to the final table. Burkey has attended the World Series of Poker the past two years and participated in thousands of poker tournaments, making the final table hundreds of times.

Pizza Lunch and Friday Afternoon at the Movies — 11 a.m. Friday, April 24.

Salad, pizza, dessert, drinks and a box lunch to take home will be served prior to the showing of "My Man Godfrey," starring William Powell and Carole Lombard. Reservations are required; call Susan or Joan at (313) 882-9600. The cost is \$5.

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Coalition addresses health care worker shortage



A coalition was formed in Washington last week to deal with the shortage of health care workers needed to meet the unique care needs of older adults.

The Elder Care Workforce Alliance was formed in direct response to a groundbreaking report released last spring by the Institute of Medicine. The report concluded that America's elder care workforce is dangerously understaffed and unprepared to care for the rapidly growing number of older adults in the United States.

The IOM report stated by 2030, the number of Americans 65 or older will nearly double to 77 million. Roughly 20 percent of these adults will have five or more

chronic health problems. At the same time, there are serious anticipated shortfalls across the elder care workforce of professional and direct care workers.

The EWA is comprised of 25 organizations representing older adults and the elder care workers, including family caregivers, health care professionals and direct care workers.

"Elder care is projected to be the fastest growing employment sector in the health care industry, and strengthening these caregiving fields is essential to quality of care for older adults in America," said Alice H. Hedt, project director. "It may also drive long term employment and economic growth."

In immediate response to the crisis, the alliance proposes to:

- ◆ Strengthen the direct care workforce through better training, supervision and improved compensation.
- ◆ Address clinician and faculty shortages through incen-

tives such as loan forgiveness, increased public funding for training and better compensation.

◆ Ensure a competent workforce by encouraging agencies and organizations that certify and regulate the elder care workforce to require demonstrated and continued competence.

◆ Redesign health care delivery by adopting cost effective care coordination models.

I personally believe compensation is an important consideration in assuring good care. While it may seem to increase the cost, good home care would mean fewer people in nursing homes.

Further, the alliance believes an essential step in addressing our fragmented health and long term care system is to adopt care models that provide well-coordinated, person-directed and family-focused services.

It also believes unpaid caregivers, including family and friends, should be supported and have opportunities to ac-

quire the needed skills, knowledge, and information to care appropriately for older adults.

Hints for easing aches and pains in this cold winter weather.

Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix 1 tablespoon of horseradish in 1/2 cup of olive oil. Let sit for 30 minutes and apply as a massage oil for instant relief. Wash your hands after applying.

Sore throat? Just mix 1/2 cup vinegar with 1/2 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.

Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately, without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional pain relievers.

I haven't tried these because I haven't had a cold or flu lately, but the ingredients don't seem harmful and could very well work as claimed.

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New surgical technique offered in Grosse Pointe

Robotic surgery is now available at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

The da Vinci Surgical System was recently used by Dinesh Telang, M.D., chief of surgery at Beaumont, to remove a prostate gland.

Surgeons operate the surgical system while seated at a console viewing a 3-D image of the surgical field.

The surgeon's fingers work the master controls below the 3-D image with hands and wrists naturally positioned relative to his eyes.

The system translates the surgeon's movements to surgical instruments inside the patient.

"The da Vinci Surgical System combines the knowledge and skills of the surgeon with precise manipulation of surgical instruments," Telang said.

"This technology has transformed surgical treatment for prostate cancer because of the technical and clinical advantages in terms of visual magnification and refinement of surgical techniques in an area that can be difficult to operate with traditional techniques."

The da Vinci system is an improvement over laparoscop-

ic surgery, a minimally invasive surgery in which a camera and surgical instruments are inserted through a small incision.

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Reduced trauma to the body; reduced blood loss and need for transfusions; less post-operative pain and discomfort; shorter hospital stay; faster recovery and return to normal daily activities are all benefits patient may experience when compared to traditional "open" surgery.

Florist, hospital team up to benefit heart health

In recognition of February as American Heart Month, St. John Hospital and Medical Center and Thrifty Florist offer a healthy heart bouquet. A dollar of each \$9.99 bouquet will benefit heart care at St. John.

The promotion runs through Feb. 28.



Save the date

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center hosts Girls' Night Out 2009 Wednesday, April 29. The dinner event will be at Andiamo's in Warren and feature the singing group, "The Satin Dolls." All St. John nurses are the evening's honorary chairs because they play a pivotal role in the hospital. Proceeds from Girls' Night Out will benefit the Nursing Education Program at St. John. Nurse training focuses on self care, transformational leadership and communication and integrated healing arts. It will allow nurses to facilitate the delivery of care that treats the body, mind, and spirit. Tickets are \$75. For more information, call the Fontbonne office at (313) 343-3675. Pictured are auxiliary president JoAnn Miller and event chairwoman Debra Arnone.

Concert dedicated to former conductor

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra conductor Joe Striplin has chosen music which the late maestro, Felix Resnick, would have enjoyed.

In honor of Resnick's long association with the symphony orchestra, Striplin will conduct pieces by George Handel, Edouard Lalo and Joannes Brahms.

The 3 p.m., March 1 concert in Parcels Middle School is dedicated to Resnick who directed the community symphony orchestra for nearly 50 years and was a violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for more than 60 years.

The first piece, Handel's "Concerto Grosso No. 5, Op. 6," Striplin said, Resnick would have enjoyed because

of its string opportunities. "A sheen and beauty of sound. The public and the orchestra will enjoy it. Felix as a string player would have enjoyed it," Resnick said.

Resnick began his association with the local symphony orchestra in the late 1950s as a guest conductor, having been with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra since 1943, playing violin. In 1959, he became the Grosse Pointe's permanent conductor.

Resnick earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree from Wayne State University, where he was the recipient of the first Arts Achievement Award in Music. He studied violin and conducting at Julliard School of Music. He played with the DSO until 2008. At the time of his death in the spring of

2008, he had performed in an American symphony orchestra longer than any other musician. Resnick recorded with the string section at Motown for 10 years and conducted for chamber orchestras with the Detroit Sinfonietta and Emerald Sinfonietta, the DSO at Meadowbrook, Ford Auditorium and Orchestra Hall.

For the second piece of the afternoon, Striplin will be conducting "Concerto for Cello" by Lalo during which Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert DeMaine, the DSO's principal cellist, will be the featured soloist.

Concluding the concert will be "Symphony No. 2" by Brahms.

"I've always wanted to play a substantial symphony piece and Brahms is the piece," Striplin said. "Felix would



Robert DeMaine

have enjoyed the Brahms." The two became acquaint-

ed in 1972 and Striplin said he is proud "to carry on Felix's tradition of good performance in Grosse Pointe."

Upon Resnick's retirement, the two talked about the community and orchestra.

"People in the orchestra were supportive and it was important to me," Striplin said. "I have a good feeling of people in the orchestra and community" to which he provides three concerts a year.

Striplin is a native Detroit, having graduated from Cass Technical High School. It was there he was inspired to pursue a fine music curriculum at WSU. It's been a song ever since. The violinist has spent time with the traveling component of the Metropolitan Opera National Company and played with the Indianapolis Symphony. He spent four seasons with the St. Louis

Symphony Orchestra before returning home in 1972 when he joined the DSO.

Striplin is in his third season with the Grosse Pointe Symphony, the second as music director of the 75-member organization.

Support and interest in a symphony is important to the community because of the pride it instills, he said.

"It gives musicians (nonprofessionals) a place to play at a high level. It's a community service to players. There are more local players but we have them from all over the metro area. Most members are nonprofessional. It's a labor of love.

"With economic times all kinds of arts organizations are having a hard time. We can't survive without community support. We are people's orchestra," Striplin said.

'Zora is My Name' now on stage at the Bonstelle Theatre

The story of Zora Neale Hurston, a modern-day griot, will be told in the Bonstelle Theatre's musical performance of "Zora is My Name" opening at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.

Other performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Friday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, Feb. 28; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, March 1.

Hurston was a storyteller and folklorist who gathered stories during the Harlem Renaissance. She lived her life with a determination to collect and pass down African culture before it disappeared in America.

A griot in many African cultures is the person responsible for passing down traditions, culture, lineage and history through oral transmission. Many blacks consider their griots to be walking his-



PHOTO BY CHRIS NELSON

Safiya Johnson as Zora

tory books because they preserve ancient stories and traditions through song. Griots educate communities through the stories of the past. This oral tradition easily translates

into theatre performance and helps communities learn about themselves and their histories.

Hurston's stories came mostly from New York and the American South. She believed that young blacks should have the opportunity to learn about their history and their traditions and hoped to begin a modern tradition of passing down history

to future generations — like a modern griot.

Advanced ticket sales are available at the Wayne State Theatre Box Office, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit; by phone at (313) 577-2960 or online at wsushows.com. The box office is open Tuesday — Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward

Ave., one hour prior to performances.

Tickets are \$15 and \$12 and discounted tickets are available to students with ID, seniors ages 62-plus and Wayne

State University faculty, staff and Alumni Association members. Group discounts are also available.

For more information, visit bonstelle.com.

Tiny Wonders spin new web

Itsy bitsy spiders made their big debut at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo in a new habitat called Tiny Wonders.

The permanent addition will feature three live species of arachnids — the northern black widow spider, house spider and Chilean beauty spider. Tiny Wonders is designed to educate visitors about spiders and their role in the Earth's ecosystem.

The Tiny Wonders habitat includes interpretive graphics to help dispel the web of common myths associated with spiders and will include an interactive display to educate visitors about the various species of arachnids.

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Above, Alya Hussein stands next to her oil painting. At left, attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were; City of Grosse Pointe Councilman John Stempfle; children's art teacher and art center board member Hala Besmar; Jim Lloyd; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace; Hanna Nielsen; Grosse Pointe Artists Association President Birgit Huttemann-Holz; Colt Weatherston; Leslie Rentschler; City of Grosse Pointe Councilman Donald Parthum Jr.; Nina Goebel; Susan Macdonald, director of the Grosse Pointe Art Center; Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Mary Heubner; and G.P.A.A. Board Member Melissa Garcia.

Moving art

"Art on the Move" is the latest Grosse Pointe Art Center exhibit and is aptly named.

The show's opening celebrated the center's new home at 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Hundreds of people turned out to view more than 300 art pieces in all mediums during the grand opening celebration last month.

"Grosse Pointe Art Center opened their new location with a tremendous showing of support from the Grosse Pointes and supporters, artists and collectors from the surrounding

Detroit Metropolitan area," said Susan Macdonald, director of the GPAA.

"Attendance at Friday, Jan. 23rd's soiree was between 300 and 500 visitors. This was a very exciting event for us. We just continue to grow and the excitement for our location in the village was palpable at the opening.

"We are very happy with the support of the Edward Frohlich Family Trust and invite everyone to visit and join the art center. We offer activities for all ages."

At right, Riley Lynch of Grosse Pointe Farms and Charlotte Huttemann of Grosse Pointe Park check out the art on display in the center's new home. The show runs through Saturday, Feb. 21. Gallery hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



GEM THEATRE

Relationships really are funny

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Bumper cars continuously colliding is how the four-member

cast of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," portrays the very funny evolution of male/female relationships now playing at the Gem Theatre.

Through humorous song, dance and clear facial expressions, laughing audience members identify when cast member Sophia Hinshelwood says she will spend two hours on her hair and make-up and he won't notice. Jonathan Rayson wonders if she will notice he wears Calvin Klein underwear?

A married couple will know the panic attack at the altar where both the bride and groom realize the way of single life is but a memory and in-laws are on the immediate horizon.

Each painful relationship step is encapsulated in the laugh-out-loud two-hour show that runs through May 17.

It's witty, lively and downright funny, well worth the \$25 ticket.

The quartet, with pianist Kim Douglas Steiner, highlight male/female conundrums from dating, marriage, parenthood and widowhood in 40 roles.

Parents out for the evening will identify as Sophia Hinshelwood and Rayson collapse on the sofa. Did you mail the mortgage, she asks. Yes, he answers. Did you get the car fixed? Yes, she replies in a clearly exhausted tone. Maybe another exhausting day can be saved and the couple can generate enough energy to have some adult fun with a promise to take their (off stage) sons to Disney World. She laces up a red and black bustier over her flannel shirt. He adds a fur thong over his sweats as they tell the boys it's OK that the escaped lizard ate the guppie because their parents were going to have sex.

The book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro and music by Jimmy Roberts have nailed down each stage of the relationship, including, "Don't make me stop this car" as the henpecked father is only in command of his



The cast of "I Love You, You're Perfect, No Change," from left, Rebecca Spear, Nick Spear, Sophia Hinselwood and Johnathan Rayson.

life during a drive to a family outing. The cast zooms across the stage in office chairs as a unit and then as individuals singing how exasperating it is to be part of a family with teenagers.

It's a good night out no matter where the attendee is in a relationship.

Audience members may identify with the 40-something divorcee filming her first dating video or the elderly widow and widower saying each still

loves their dead spouse. On the other hand, "I'm still alive." And another relationship blossoms.

No matter what, men and women still bump into each other in the quickly flowing musical comedy revue.

Tickets are on sale for performances through Sunday, March 29 and may be purchased by calling the theater's box office at (313) 963-9800 or visiting Ticketmaster Ticket Center at ticketmaster.com.

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"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," the show that reopened the Gem Theatre after its 1997 move, returns to celebrate more than a decade of entertainment at the venue.

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11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
11:30 am Tech Pointes

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
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2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm The Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Art and Design
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
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5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm The SOC Show
6:00 pm The Legal Insider
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7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
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8:30 pm Tech Pointes
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



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Discovering the hidden prize in the king cake means a year of good luck will follow.

Skip the paczki go for the king cake



Locally, we turn to the paczki for something sweet on Fat Tuesday. In New Orleans, the sweet of choice is a king cake. A round coffee cake (in the shape of a king's crown) decorated with purple (meaning justice), green (faith), and gold (power) frosting. The traditional cake is rather time-consuming to make, so I created a version using cinnamon rolls.

inches across) round circle with the rolls standing side by side, slightly touching, on a greased bake sheet. Cover loosely with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely.

Use the food coloring to color each of the frosting cups purple, green and gold. Divide the sugar into 3 small cups (2 teaspoons each) and use the food coloring to make purple, green and gold sugar.

Place the cake on a large round serving platter making two sections of each color (one on each side of the cake). Sprinkle the coordinating sugar over each of the frosted sections.

If you have any Mardi Gras beads around the house you can put them in the center of the cake. In New Orleans they hide a tiny plastic baby in the cake. Whoever gets the baby is supposed to have a year of good luck. (Who couldn't use that!) I hid an almond (in my cake) instead. I don't know who got the almond.

King Cake

- 3 12.5-oz. tubes Pillsbury cinnamon rolls with frosting (8 rolls per tube)
- 3 tablespoons sugar, divided food coloring
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove the rolls from the tubes. Set the frosting cups aside and form a large (12

Black History Month at DIA

In honor of Black History Month, the Detroit Institute of Arts offers a variety of activities focused on the Black culture.

Exhibitions on view include: In the Company of Artists: Photographs from the DIA's Collection; Master Pieces: Chess Sets from the Dr. George and Vivian Dean Collection; and Learning by Line: The Role and Purpose of Drawing in the Eighteenth Century.

Programs are free with museum admission unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (313) 833-7900 or visit dia.org.

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Guided tours are offered at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays; and 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Drawing in the Galleries for all ages is offered from 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Friday Night Live, Feb. 20

Chess Practice: The Detroit City Chess Club: 5 to 9 p.m.

Music: Jade Simmons: 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Known for her versatility on and off the stage, pianist Simmons has been chosen as Concert Artist Guild's inaugural New Music/New Places Fellow. She infuses her diverse projects with passion and artistry.

DIA Moment: Khary Turner with Detroit Poets: 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Khary Kimani Turner is regarded as one of Detroit's most prolific writers and poets. Turner is a Def Poetry semi-finalist, having won the Detroit competition for Def. Poetry Jam. He performs with Detroit poets in celebration of Black

History Month.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Artist Demonstration: Gilda Snowden: 1 to 5 p.m.

Snowden is a curator, art critic, art teacher and artist. She is currently chair of the fine arts department at the College for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design in Detroit. She works in an abstract medley of colors that captures the imagination of the viewer. Her work is part of the collection at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Target Family Sunday, Feb. 22

Storytelling: Grandma's Biscuits: 2 p.m.

Friday Night Live, Feb. 27

Chess Practice: The Detroit City Chess Club: 5-9 p.m.

DIA Moment: One Chess Grand Master vs. 50 Detroit City Chess Club Members: 7 p.m.

Join 50 players of the Detroit City Chess Club as they match strategies with an international chess grand master in the museum's Great Hall. The grand master will play all his opponents simultaneously. The matches will be shown on large screen monitors using the GrandMastercam video camera.

Music: Kusun: 7 and 8:30 p.m.

The Kusun Ensemble is a group of musicians and dancers based in Ghana, West Africa. Although rooted in traditional music, the ensemble has developed a new sound

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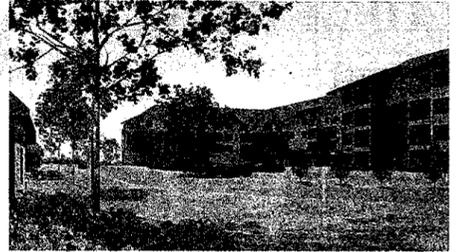
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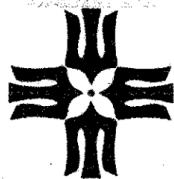
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SPORTS

GYMNASTICS Going for No. 1

The Grosse Pointe gymnastics team aims to win league title PAGE 2C

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Lady Knights stun Ann Arbor, 3-2

Bolton scores game-winner

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls hockey team pulled off a stunning upset last week, beating host Ann Arbor 3-2.

Freshman Haleigh Bolton's goal with 3:16 left in the third period was the game-winner. It was set up when junior forward Liz Smith dug the puck out of the corner and got a shot on net.

Bolton pounced on the rebound and sent the game-winner into the back of the net.

"We showed up with eight skaters (three defensemen and five forwards) and played out of our minds," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "I told the girls this is how we are going to play tonight and the girls stuck to the game plan and played with a lot of heart."

"This is a huge win for us and now the girls have all kinds of confidence."

The Lady Knights, second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2 standings, were soundly beaten by Ann Arbor in recent years, but this game belonged to the visitors



Freshman Haleigh Bolton ended up scoring the game-winning goal to help the Lady Knights stun the host Pioneers.

who ruined the Pioneers' senior night.

"Last year we upset Cranbrook on its senior night and this time we ruined Ann Arbor's senior night," Owczarski said. "I can't say enough good things about

how hard my girls play."

Ann Arbor, sitting second in Division 1, lost in last year's state championship game to Grosse Pointe South and is once again a title contender.

The Pioneers boast all-state forward Angie Chronis, who

was shut down by the Lady Knights' defensive trio.

"Chronis didn't get her name on the score sheet," Owczarski said. "We beat one of the best teams in our



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Junior Paige Counsman scored twice to help the University Liggett School girls hockey team stand toe-to-toe with favored Ann Arbor.

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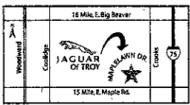


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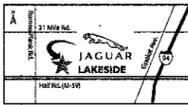
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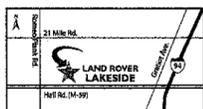
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GYMNASTICS

Gymnasts win division, league titles

The Grosse Pointe gymnastics team won their final dual meet of the season last week, 131.85-121.50 over Trenton.

The win clinched a division title for the team, under the tutelage of head coach Cathy Hubmeier.

Brittany Rizzo won the vault and was third on the floor to lead the team, while Sarah Fentin was first on the bars, second on vault and third on beam to add to the point total.

Lauren Krieger continued to her fine season, winning the beam with another school record of 9.4 and was first on floor.

Heather Koresky pulled through with a strong meet, even though she had suffered an injury, and Fran Kay had solid routines on the bars and floor.

Hubmeier also watched Lydia Fuller earn another regional qualifying score on the vault and Madison Frame had a nice beam routine.

In addition, Natasha Eklund had a strong first showing on the beam as the gymnastics team finished 6-0 in its division and 8-1 overall, winning its final eight meets.

The gymnastics team capped off the week by breaking a school record with 135.25 points, which won the league meet held last weekend at Trenton.

Krieger was first place for the season, earning First Team All-Around honors, while Madi Kaiser was second for the season and also earned First Team All-Around accolades.

Joining the duo as First Team All-Around was Koresky, who was fifth for the season.

At the league meet, Rizzo took second on vault with an 8.45, while Kaiser was second with an 8.4, Kaiser was sixth with an 8.3 and Koresky was eighth with an 8.25.



The Grosse Pointe gymnastics team and coaches celebrate winning a league championship.

PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

On bars, Kaiser and Koresky placed third and fifth with scores of 8.35 and 8.2, respectively, while Krieger was 10th with an 8.0.

Krieger won the beam with a 9.5, while Kaiser and Fentin were fourth and fifth with scores of 8.65 and 8.55, respectively. Rizzo was ninth with an

8.25. On the floor, Krieger took another first place with a score of 9.1. She was followed by Kaiser, third at 8.5; Koresky, fifth at 8.45; and Fentin, sixth at 8.4.

In the all-around scoring, Krieger was first with 35, while Kaiser was third with 33.8 and

Koresky was fifth with 32.9. Fentin was sixth and Rizzo was ninth with scores of 32.7 and 32.45, respectively.

"These girls have worked so hard all season and they have had a fabulous season," Hubmeier said. "Recently, we have had numerous injuries and illnesses, but the girls

worked through it and they were determined to make this a great season, which they have.

"I think the thing that was most impressive last night is how they all pulled together, everyone giving their all and encouraging and motivating each other to do it for the

team. This was definitely not an individual sport last night."

The girls are now practicing for a state regional meet Saturday, March 7, at Plymouth-Canton High School.

Those who finish in the top few spots earn a spot to the state finals later in March.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Division champions

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team claimed its second straight division title last week, beating Bloomfield Hills Unified 8-0 and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Kingswood 3-1.

The Lady Blue Devils also received help from city rival University Liggett School, which upset second-place Ann Arbor 3-2 last week.

"We take each game as it comes, no matter who the opponent is," head coach Bill Fox

has preached throughout the season. "Our goals are always to win a division title and ultimately a state championship."

In the win against the rival Cranes, senior Kelsey Burgess scored twice and freshman Claire Boyle had the other tally.

Burgess, junior Emma Hull and junior Rae Sklarski had assists in the game, which was the closest contest the Lady Blue Devils had played since beating Livonia Ladywood 5-2 Jan. 24.

The Lady Blue Devils had little trouble dusting off Bloomfield Hills as eight different players scored, including junior Tara Bolton who tallied a goal just 19 seconds into the opening period.

Other goal scorers were Burgess, Boyle, Hull, senior Erin Shook, freshman Cara Monforton, sophomore Dana Davenport and sophomore Lorna Burns.

Junior Maggie Miller started in net and recorded the shutout, which was the Lady Blue Devils' ninth this season.

It was also the seventh opponent the Lady Blue Devils have mercied this season.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 17-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall.

ULS: Ladies play solid game

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league on their home rink, but the girls can't let down because we still have a chance to win a division title."

The Pioneers led 1-0 when Rachel Freeman scored, but only 10 seconds later, junior Paige Counsman tied it with an unassisted goal.

Another rush up the ice netted a second goal by Counsman. This one was a forehand to backhand deke of

the goal and she tucked the puck into the corner of the net.

The Pioneers tied it with 9:16 left when Hannah Bogard tallied.

Each had scoring opportunities in the final nine minutes of the game, but it was Bolton who came through with one of the biggest goals of her young high school career.

Senior goalie Janaya Gripper was solid in net and this was also one of her biggest wins since taking over as the Lady Knights' starting netminder early in her freshman year and junior Morgan Ellis played one of her best games.

Owczarski's squad im-

proved to 10-4 in the league and 11-5 overall.

The Lady Knights remain two points behind division-leading Farmington Hills Mercy, which is 11-4.

"We have a shot to win the division title if we win out and Mercy loses a game," Owczarski said.

Mercy's biggest game is against Northville, while ULS still has to play Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, city rival Grosse Pointe North and Walled Lake.

If the teams tie for first, they will be co-division champs but Mercy will get the No. 1 seed in the playoffs since it beat the Lady Knights twice during the regular season.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Junior Emma Hull scored a goal and an assist in the Lady Blue Devils' whitewash over Bloomfield Hills Unified.

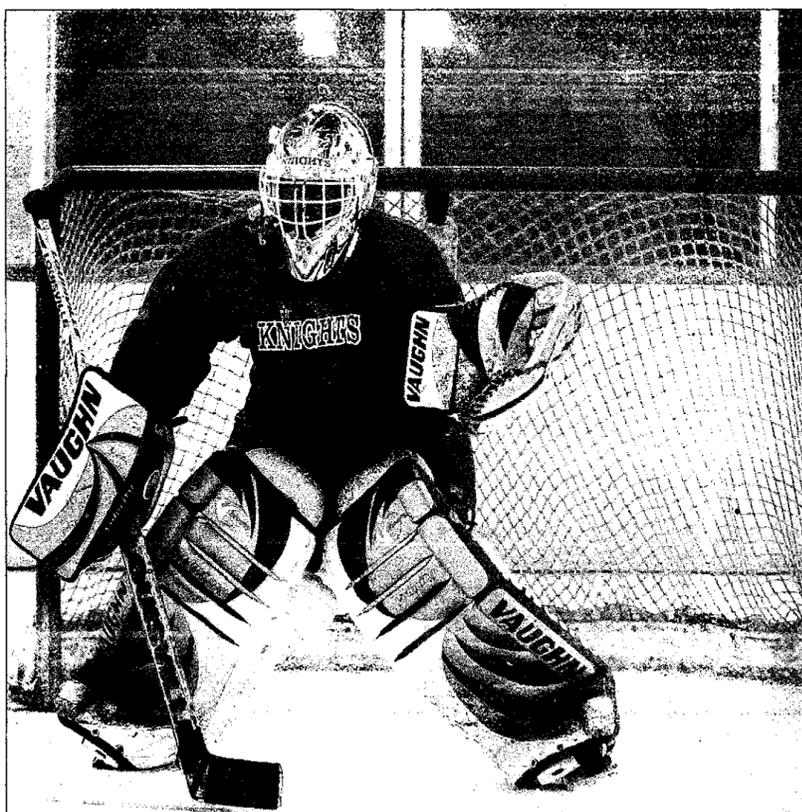


PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Janaya Gripper made several spectacular saves to help University Liggett School's girls' hockey team beat Ann Arbor 3-2, which moved them within two points of first-place Farmington Hills Mercy in the Division 2 standings of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils earn crown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Pat O'Donnell told his wrestlers before the season their goal was to win the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division.

O'Donnell's Grosse Pointe South wrestling team indeed earned the Gold Division Tournament title last weekend, earning 169 points.

Center Line was second with 144.5, followed by host St. Clair Shores Lake Shore at 140, Warren Lincoln at 61, New Haven at 60, Clawson at 49, Madison Heights Madison at 42.5 and Mount Clemens at 27.

Sergio Rodriguez, 103-pound class; Griffin Forton, 119 pounds; Joey Konen, 125 pounds; and Nolan Goodall, 130 pounds; each captured gold medals in their respective weight classes.

Max Thomas took home a

silver medal, competing in the 160-pound class, which helped the Blue Devils capture the tournament, as well as the dual meet championship.

Neil Leising, 135 pounds; Alex Romer, 140 pounds; David Carter, 152 pounds; and Reggie Lewis, 285 pounds; each won bronze medals after winning their consolation championships.

Others who won fourth-place medals were Undreas Hudson, 145 pounds; Duncan McDonald, 189 pounds; and Dan Sutton, 215 pounds.

The Blue Devils did not have a competitor in the 171-pound class.

O'Donnell, in his second year at the helm, has pushed his Blue Devils grapplers to new heights which haven't been seen in several years.

Now, the Blue Devils compete in the team and individual state district tournaments.



Grosse Pointe South's Reggie Lewis, shown here in an earlier dual meet, won a bronze medal during last weekend's MAC Gold Division Tournament.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Grapplers take 2nd in White

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North wrestling team finished second in last weekend's Macomb Area Conference White Division Tournament at Utica.

Warren Woods Tower, dual meet co-champs with North, won the tournament with 178 points, followed by North with 165, Utica Eisenhower with 147, Utica with 129, Sterling Heights with 95.5, Port Huron with 75.5, Eastpointe East Detroit with 69 and St. Clair Shores Lakeview with 55.

For head coach Bryan Lorenzo, the turnaround from worst to nearly first is complete.

"I could not be prouder of how the guys worked so hard to get better after having such a bad year last season," Lorenzo said. "To win a share of the league and to take second at the tournament makes me very proud. A district title would also be a great accomplishment, but we have our

work cut out for us."

Dawnta Hall, 171-pound class, and Josh Franklin, 215 pounds, each won a gold medal to lead the Norsemen.

Lorenzo had several other wrestlers compete in the finals of their respective weight class.

Silver medalists were Patrick Salazar, 103 pounds; Jake Brazil, 130 pounds; Dave Kubacki, 135 pounds; Alex Doetsch, 160 pounds; and Nate Strickland, 189 pounds.

Salazar and Strickland each lost a one-point decision in their title matches.

Evan Sudomier, 285 pounds, and Leyoun Harbin, 145 pounds, each captured a bronze medal, while John Testori, 125 pounds, took home a fourth-place medal.

Lorenzo had grapplers earn a medal in 10 of the 14 weight classes.

Now that the regular season is finished, the Norsemen will focus on winning a team district title, as well as performing well at the individuals tournament.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Blue Devils get it done

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Jordan Long set a school record with 370.45 points to win the diving competition in Grosse Pointe South's double dual meet victories last week.

The Blue Devils demolished Henry Ford II 153-33 and Macomb Dakota 133-53, improving to 12-3 overall and 4-0 to win the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet championship.

Long set the pool record last month, earning 322.30 points and this current total broke the record held by his dive coach, Chad Hepner, which was 343.16 points set in 1993.

Mike Shook also had a solid meet, winning the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke with state-qualifying times of 2:08.17 and 57.98.

Other individual winners were junior Wayne Brackett in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.83, sophomore Craig Campbell in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.96, sophomore Cam Johnson in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52.72 and senior Fares



Grosse Pointe South swimmers cheer on teammate Jordan Long during his record-setting diving performance.

Ksebati in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.63.

The home team won all three relay events, starting with the 200-medley as Shook, Ksebati, Brackett and junior Matt Mandel posted a time of 1:43.97.

The 400-freestyle relay squad of Campbell, junior Matt Schmidt, Johnson and Mandel won with a time of 3:25.75.

The 200-freestyle relay foursome of Mandel, junior Joe Hessburg, Johnson and Campbell had a first-place time of 1:33.41.

Head coach Eric Gunderson's squad had multiple placements in the top four in every event to run away with the meet.

Senior Kevin Macconnachie had a second-place finish in the diving competition, earning 172.70 points.

Last weekend, Gunderson watched his swimmers per-

form at peak levels during the annual Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association Meet at Eastern Michigan University.

The Blue Devils held their own and placed in the top five in several events, which gives Gunderson high hopes as his team prepares for the state finals.

Shook won a gold medal in the 500-freestyle with a time of 4:41.53 and was fourth in the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:46.22.

Long was second in diving with 487.2 points.

Laney was ninth in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:01.42.

The 400-freestyle relay team of Shook, Campbell, Joe Hessburg and Mandel placed third with a time of 3:16.45, while Mandel was fourth in the 100-freestyle and seventh in the 50-freestyle with times of

48.28 and 22.23, respectively.

Another high finish was posted by the 200-freestyle relay team of Campbell, Joe Hessburg, Johnson and Mandel, who was fourth with a time of 1:28.52.

The 200-medley relay squad of Boggs, Ksebati, Brackett and Johnson placed 19th with a time of 1:44.27 to help the Blue Devils.

Other top individual finishers were Johnson, 21st in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.73; Campbell, 14th in the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:49.15, and 11th in the 100-freestyle with a time of 49.37; Brackett, 18th in the 100-butterfly with a time of 55.25; Joe Hessburg, 19th in the 100-freestyle with a time of 50.21; Schmidt, 12th in the 500-freestyle with a time of 4:58.02; and Ksebati, 23rd in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:04.25.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Lane's two wins leads Norsemen

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team blasted Chippewa Valley 121-64 last week.

Head coach Mike O'Connor and his Norsemen are clearly among the top two teams in the Macomb Area Conference as they had no trouble beating the White Division dual meet champs.

Mike Lane was double winner once again, placing first in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke with times of 2:09.32 and 1:00.14.

Individual winners were Andrew Paige in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.07, James McNelis in diving with 182.50 points, Justin Rakowicz in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:10.12 and Christian Mellos in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.51.

The Norsemen opened the meet by winning the 200-yard medley relay as Lane, Mellos, Paige and Matt Peyser posted a time of 1:46.21.

In addition, the 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Paige, Stephen VanBeek, Max Hunt and Peyser won with a time of 1:34.17.

O'Connor pointed out season-best times were recorded by Tommy Milne, Jeff Burns and Connor Yeager in the 50-freestyle; Milne, Gordon Russell, Peter Francis, Evan Williams and Paul Hanna in the 100-freestyle; Rakowicz, Peter Shea and Michael Seago in the 200-freestyle; Rakowicz in the 500-freestyle; Milne and

Yeager in the 100-backstroke; Steve Schoenith, Bob Radej and Andrew Kopacka in the 100-breaststroke; VanBeek in the 100-butterfly; Zack Hanna in the 200-IM; and McNelis and Connor Holm in diving.

The Norsemen also beat Livonia Franklin last week, winning 118-52 as Peyser won the 50-freestyle and 100-backstroke.

Paige won the 200-freestyle, while VanBeek took first in the 100-butterfly.

Other first-place finishes were turned in by Ryan Seago in the 100-freestyle and Rakowicz in the 500-freestyle.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 7-2 overall.

Last weekend, the boys competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Meet.

Lane achieved state-qualifying times in the 200-IM with a 10th-place finish and a 30th-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Paige also earned state-qualifying times with a 24th place in the 50-freestyle and a 12th-place in the 100-butterfly.

Mellos had a state-qualifying time in the 100-breaststroke with a 15th-place finish and he was 48th in the 200-IM.

The 200-medley relay team of Lane, Mellos, Paige and Peyser had a state-qualifying time with a 16th-place finish, while the 200-freestyle relay squad of Hunt, VanBeek, Peyser and Paige qualified for the state meet with an 11th-place finish.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Swim team tastes success

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School co-ed swim team is enjoying a breakthrough season.

In their most recent meets, the Knights lost 98-71 to Ann Arbor Greenhills and beat Clawson 100-58.

Against Greenhills, the 200-yard medley relay team of Kara Zmyslowski, Brian Gutermuth, Chris Brownell and Stavros Bricolas won with a time of 2:01.48.

Brownell won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.86,

while Zmyslowski was first in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:11.02.

Gutermuth won the 100-freestyle with a time of 59.21 and Brownell cruised to an easy win in the 500-yard freestyle, posting a time of 5:41.86, which was 15 seconds ahead of Greenhills' Polina Gouskova.

The Knights finished strong, winning the 400-yard freestyle relay as Skippy Faber, Gutermuth, Zmyslowski and Brownell won with a time of 4:10.46.

Leading the way in those

meets were Billy Costello, John George and Chris Brownell, who got a MISCA cut of 23.81 in the 50-yard freestyle against Clawson.

Other contributors to the Knights' efforts have been Tommy Sieber, William Marx, Mary Nehra, Katherine Shannon, Alana Bryan, Aliana Konarz, Emily Broder, Laura Schick, Skippy Faber, Morgan Walker, Michael Leahy, Veeral Patel, Clayton Ford, Jessie Lucero, Benjamin Gellman and Christian Redding.

ULS also lost to Cranbrook Kingswood, dropping to 5-2.



ULS head coach Meg Painter, left, has the co-ed swim team in position to finish with one of its best records in years. Also pictured is Kara Zmyslowski, center, and coach Adam Heilebuyc.

Girls basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Lady Knights nearly upset Sterling Heights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls basketball team nearly pulled off a stunning upset of Sterling Heights early last week.

The host Lady Knights, a Division IV program, battled the Stallions, which is a big Class A school with only one loss and a perfect record in the Macomb Area Conference Silver Division.

Senior Catherine Vatsis' hoop with two minutes left in the game gave the Lady Knights a 50-49 lead.

However, the Stallions hit the final of their season-high nine three-pointers to take a 52-50 lead en route to winning 59-55.

"We played a great game and had a shot to win it down the stretch," head coach Adam Beck said. "I'm proud of the girls. They gave a tremendous effort against a bigger team that shot the ball extremely well from the outside, especially from behind the three-point line."

Senior Danielle Zito scored 18 points, hitting six three-pointers, and junior Aisha



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School freshman Madison Ristovski scored 33 points against Sterling Heights and 24 points against Parkway Christian.

Anderson had 18 points, including making 5-of-6 free throws in the final minute to seal the victory.

The Lady Knights' Hannah Baird hit a basket that tied the game at 52 and freshman Madison Ristovski drilled a three-pointer to cut the deficit to 56-55 in the final 30 seconds.

They had a chance to tie the game, but committed a turnover, which allowed Anderson to get to the free-throw line and make her attempts.

"This shows we can beat any team on our schedule if we play with this much confidence," Beck said. "It was great to see the girls hit some big shots with the game on the line."

Each quarter was close as the Lady Knights trailed 16-13 after the first quarter, but won the second stanza 17-12 to trail 30-28 at the intermission.

It was 46-41, Sterling Heights, after the third quarter and ULS won the final quarter 14-13.

Ristovski led the home team with 33 points and eight rebounds, while Baird had 12 points.

Vatsis finished with six

points, followed by seniors Charlotte Waldmeir and Kristin Peterson with two points apiece.

Later in the week, ULS hosted Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. It was a makeup game that was originally scheduled for Dec. 9.

The Lady Knights used a duo of double-digit scorers to win 50-30, improving to 9-6 overall.

"The girls really came out and played a solid game at both ends of the floor," Beck said. "We shot the ball pretty well, especially in the second half after being a little sluggish in the first two quarters."

The home team led 24-18 at the half, but outscored Parkway Christian 17-5 in the third period to build a 41-23 advantage.

The lead grew to 20 points early in the fourth quarter, which allowed Beck to rest his top scorers for the upcoming conference tournament.

Ristovski had 24 points to lead the way, while Amicucci had 14. Baird had nine points and 12 rebounds and Vatsis chipped in with 11 rebounds. Waldmeir had eight boards and Beck pointed out the solid play of Sheehy.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Lady Norsemen close in on title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

One dominant half was enough to put another game in the win column for the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team.

The host Lady Norsemen outscored Chippewa Valley 20-5 in the first quarter of their 54-30 win last week.

"The girls came out and played a very good first quarter and good first half," head coach Gary Bennett said. "The constant pressure usually wears teams out in the second half."

The Lady Norsemen's pressure defense turned an 18-point halftime lead into a 24-point advantage. Each team scored nine points in the final quarter.

Junior Ariel Braker led the way, scoring 14 points and grabbing five rebounds, while senior Olivia Stander and junior Kayla Womack each had 12 points.

Senior Jasmine Kennedy had nine points and six rebounds. Rounding out the Lady Norsemen's scoring was junior Sarah Bigham with three points, senior Maddie Kent with two, senior Allison Liddane with two and junior Christine Bedway with two.

The Lady Norsemen received good news later that night when host Fraser beat Utica Eisenhower 69-47, which gave them a two-game lead in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Last weekend, North inched a game closer to claiming a second straight division title after defeating host Eisenhower, 56-39.

The Lady Norsemen led 22-9 after the first quarter and 32-15 at the half.

It was the constant pressure the girls applied that wore down the Eagles as the Lady Norsemen put the game away, outscoring their host 19-9 in the third stanza to open a 51-24 advantage.

"The pressure defense caused their guards some problems and we were able to take advantage," Bennett said.

Womack had 17 points to lead the Lady Norsemen and Braker added 14 points, seven rebounds, five assists and three steals. She was also 6-of-6 from the foul line.

"I thought this was Kayla's best game of the season," Bennett said. "She was totally focused and she made some very nice passes and plays."

Kennedy had eight, followed by Kent (four steals) and Stander with six points apiece to lift North to a 7-0 mark in the Red Division and 13-3 overall.

Junior Alyssa Bruno chipped in with seven rebounds, which is a season high.

In addition, the two wins extended the Lady Norsemen's winning streak to 12.

Coming up for the Lady Norsemen are its regular season finales Wednesday, Feb. 25, against Fraser, and Friday, Feb. 27, against Detroit Community.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

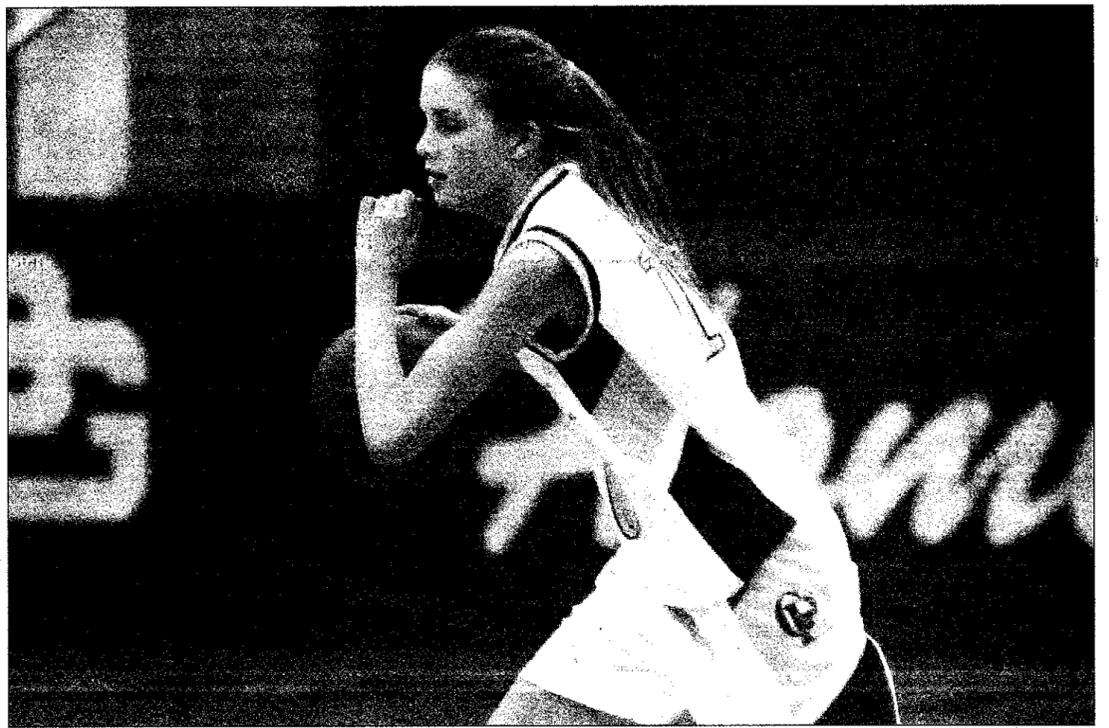


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Junior Katie Hamm has been a steady point guard this season, which is one reason why the Lady Blue Devils remain in first place.

Lakeview spoils perfect mark

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team lost its first league game of the season last week, falling 61-54 to St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

For the game, the Lady Blue Devils were whistled for 26 fouls to only nine for the host Huskies.

"It's a disappointing loss

since we got off to such a good start," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We had our chances to win down the stretch, but it wasn't meant to be."

"We need to finish off teams and we didn't do that tonight and it cost us in the end."

The Lady Blue Devils led 18-6 before the Huskies chipped away and eventually took a 26-23 halftime lead, thanks to

outscored their guests 16-5 in the second period.

Richards' squad won the third quarter 16-14 to cut the deficit to a single point, 40-39.

The Huskies' Kayla Habrowski's five straight points to open the fourth quarter gave the home team a 45-39 lead, but sophomore Aisha Rodney's three-point play and junior Chloe Srebernak's hoop brought the Lady Blue Devils once again within a point, 45-44 with 4:52 left.

Lakeview senior Ashley Savoie took over the game, converting several free throws that spurred the Huskies to build a 55-46 lead with 3:44 remaining in the game.

The Lady Blue Devils made a run as senior Clare Conway and Rodney hit baskets to make it a 55-50 with a little less than two minutes left.

One of the biggest plays came with 1:31 left. The Lady Blue Devils were able to create a turnover and Rodney took the ball and drove to the basket. She made the basket with the Lakeview defender moving to cut her off.

Instead of calling a blocking foul and giving Rodney a free throw with the score 55-52, the official called Rodney for an offensive foul and a minute later, Richards was whistled for a technical foul, giving the

Huskies four free throws which they made to put the game out of reach.

"It's our only division loss, but we're still not in the clear," Richards said. "We have some big games left in the next two weeks against teams right on our heels in the division standings."

"We will see how our girls respond because the division title is still ours if we win out."

Rodney and Conway each scored 16 points, while Srebernak had 11 to lead the Lady Blue Devils. Senior Kate Graham-McNeil had five points, including a big three-pointer at the end of the third quarter.

Earlier in the week, South beat visiting Anchor Bay 66-52 as they outscored the Tars 23-11 in the opening quarter and 41-24 in the first half.

Senior Kate Pangori had 12 points, making 4-of-6 three-point attempts, while senior Kimmy Leverenz had 10 points to lead the Lady Blue Devils.

Conway chipped in with nine points, followed by Srebernak with seven, Graham-McNeil with six and junior Katie Hamm with six.

The Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team dropped to 6-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 14-3 overall.

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen in driver's seat in division

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Admittedly, there weren't too many so-called experts who saw it this way.

Few who follow boys basketball in the Macomb Area Conference would have guessed that Grosse Pointe North would be the dominant team in the White Division.

Well...they are after a 75-71 victory Feb. 12 over division rival Roseville cemented the Norsemen's grip on the division lead and kept the team's MAC White mark unblemished at 9-0, 15-1 overall, heading into the closing weeks of the regular season.

Before they could oust their division rivals, however, they had to take care of an underrated Stevenson Feb. 10.

"I just wanted to see us play really hard tonight," North head coach Matt Lockhart explained after the Stevenson game. "We hadn't played very well lately, and all I asked of the guys was to play hard for four quarters. We did that."

The result of the team's amped-up effort was a 70-33 trouncing of the Titans.

North kept the throttle down from start to finish, regardless of whether the starters were on the floor. Up by as much as 43 points in the second half, Norsemen defenders hustled to the ball and kept their focus.

Meanwhile, on the offensive end, the team was crisp, with senior Damien Davis leading the way with 15 points and fellow senior Kyle Nadeau adding 13 points to the cause.

Despite the lopsided score, the game seems to be in hand.

Lockhart was pleased with the effort and focus of his squad turned in from the opening tip to final buzzer,



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Kyle Nadeau found his shooting stroke in two big wins over Stevenson and Roseville.

and hoped they could carry that into arguably the biggest game of the season for North.

"They're a very athletic team, more athletic than we are," he said about the Panthers. "But we felt like we could match up with them length-wise."

Not only did the Norsemen matchup length-wise, they out-ran and out-gunned the

Panthers in front of a fired-up Roseville crowd.

"It was just an incredible atmosphere there," Lockhart explained. "It was loud and packed and very exciting."

The contest went back and forth most of the night, with North leading by 10 at the break, only to watch this lead slip away by 3:40 mark of the third.

"I called a time out at told the guys 'we're going to win this game'," Lockhart said. "Then we went on an 8-0 run."

In a way, North beat Roseville at its own game, out-gunning the offensively potent Panthers.

"I guess you could say that we out-gunned them," the coach admitted. "We hit 10 3-pointers on the night, but we aren't afraid to shoot it. That's our game."

Perimeter shooting wasn't the only weapon the squad used, however. North was solid on the inside and, despite Roseville's athleticism, the transition game was outstanding as well, Lockhart says.

"We were very effective in transition," Lockhart said. "They'd make and we'd get it down the floor quickly. I was really pleased with that part of our game."

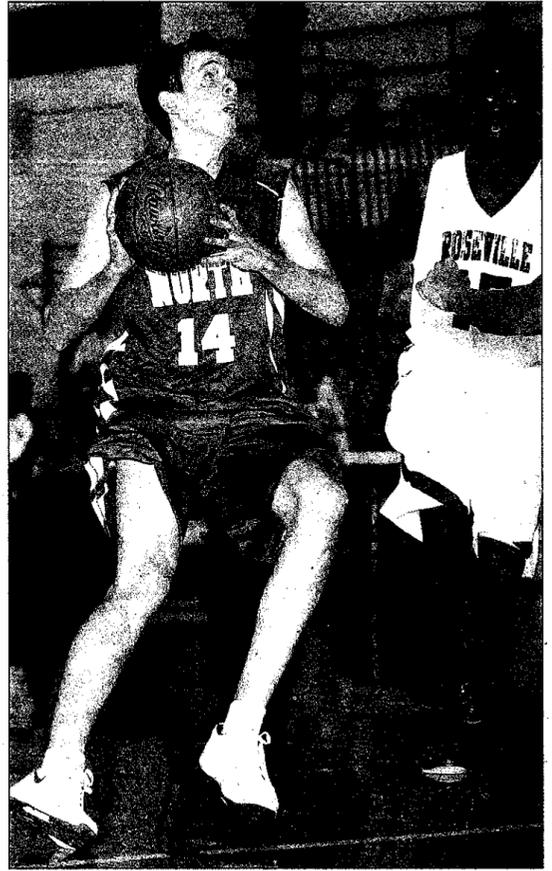
The win puts North in the driver's seat in the White, but by no means is the division crown a done deal.

"We know it's not over, believe me," Lockhart explained. "We've got business to take care of yet."

Although there are still plenty of ballgames left in the regular season, including a key game against Utica High Feb. 20, there's no denying the importance of this Roseville win.

"We (the team) were talking, and there are a lot of three-and-four-year varsity players on this team, too" the coach admitted, "and we think this is the biggest win for this program in a while. It's a great win for the team. A great win for the school."

What makes the victory, as well as North's success this season overall, so impressive is the fact that very few folks



North senior A.J. Horne goes up for two points in the Norsemen's win over a tough Roseville team.

expected the Norsemen to be atop the MAC White.

"No one really thought we'd be here," the coach explained. "I'm not surprised we're here; I knew what this team could do. It was just a question of whether or not we could get the team to do it. But, they are."

The team's success is a testament to hard work, talent and quality coaching — and

just what can happen when three factors come together.

Now, even though few gave them a chance before the season began, North has put itself in position to become a MAC champion.

"One of our big goals this year was to be division champs," Lockhart said. "We have work left to do, but we're in control of our own destiny in the division."

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights get two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys basketball team made it two wins in a row early last week, beating visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills 56-46.

"We were able to spread out the court and create easier passing lanes for our guards to make entry passes to Dominic and Jeremiah in the paint," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "The guys played a strong game at both ends of the court."

The Knights led 16-10 in the opening quarter before grabbing a double-digit advantage midway through the second stanza.

The Gryphons cut it to single digits, 29-20, at the half.

Senior Andrew Malaski's three-pointer helped the home team lead 33-20, but turnovers allowed Greenhills to battle back and trim the deficit to 35-33 in the final minute of the third period.

Junior Mark Ghafari sank a three-pointer and a two-point basket to complete the period

and help the Knights up their advantage to 40-33.

Ghafari drilled another three-pointer that gave the Knights another double-digit lead, 47-35, and the rest is history as they made enough free throws to keep the Gryphons comfortably in their rear view mirror during the final three minutes of the fourth quarter.

Ghafari and Manning scored 21 points apiece to lead the Knights with the former grabbing nine rebounds and the latter collecting seven.

Jamett had only two points, but grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked two shots. Malaski had six points, followed by freshman Eddie Thomas with four points, five rebounds and three blocked shots.

Sophomore Carl Ghafari chipped in with a basket and solid defense during his time on the court.

"Everyone contributed some way or another tonight," Johnson said. "We need to build off this solid effort in our final conference game at Cranbrook Kingswood. This would be a nice win because

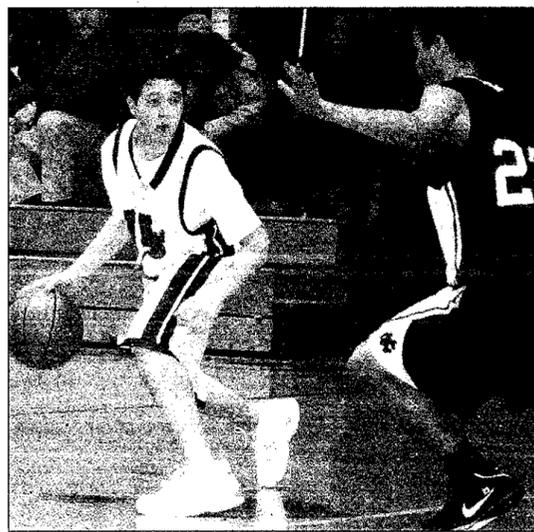


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University Liggett School guard Carl Ghafari has played well coming off the bench, playing solid defense and running the offense.

Cranbrook has a solid club."

Johnson's wish came true as his Knights played another solid game, beating the visiting Cranes 47-42.

Ghafari has come out of his slump that plagued him in mid-January, scoring 16 points, while Malaski hit for 11 points.

ULS finished the regular season Metro Conference slate 3-4 and stands 6-8 overall. It has won three games in a row and 4-of-6.

The Knights will be the road team for its conference first-round playoff game played Monday, Feb. 23.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Fry's big shots lift Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball team ended a five game losing streak last week, beating Warren Cousino 64-61.

The host Blue Devils came out on fire, leading the Patriots 24-11 after the opening period and 38-29 at the half.

As has been the case for most of the season, head coach Jim Twigg watched his crew struggle in the third period.

This time, they were outscored 20-9 in the third quarter, falling behind 49-47 with eight minutes left in the game.

Underclassmen Leif Rodney and Ben Fry helped the Blue Devils rally, outscoring their foes 17-12 in the final period to pull out the needed victory.

Rodney finished with 21 points and Fry had 16.

Two nights later, the host Blue Devils lost 47-40 to Port Huron Northern, dropping to

3-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 5-10 overall.

Twigg's squad led 12-7 after the first quarter, but was outscored 13-5 in the second to trail 20-17 in a low-scoring first half.

Junior Farrell Mays hit a long three-pointer at the third-quarter horn, cutting the Blue Devils' deficit to 33-27.

Sophomore Corbet Conroy nailed a triple and sophomore Ben Fry hit a driving layup, turning the 8-0 run into a one-point deficit, 33-32.

That would be the closest the Blue Devils would get to the Huskies, who used a 7-0 run to take control of the game.

Fry and Conroy were each in double figures, scoring 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Coming up for the Blue Devils are home games Friday, Feb. 20, against Roseville, and Tuesday, Feb. 24, against rival Grosse Pointe North, which won the first game this year.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Meeting a hero

Members of the Red Hawks basketball team recently had an opportunity to meet one of their all-time favorites, Miami of Ohio basketball player Michael Bramos, who helped Grosse Pointe North's boys basketball team make the state semifinals a few years ago. He played against Eastern Michigan. Bramos used to officiate Neighborhood Club basketball games which is where the Red Hawks members first met him. Pictured above are the players, from left, Jack Muschong, Mitchell Zacharias, Justin Mcmann, Steven Levick, Ben Zacharias, Jack Rieth, Jacob Zacharias, Luke Muschong, Brennan Buszka and Ryan Buszka.

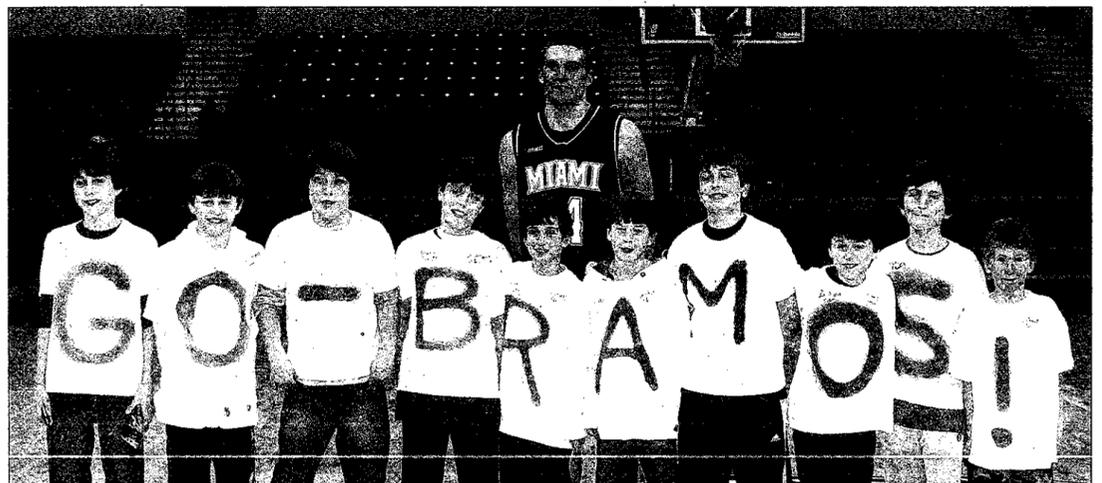


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Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Fans enjoy win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

One final face-off deep in the offensive zone allowed host University Liggett School's boys hockey team a chance to win the game.

Allen Park Cabrini and the Knights exchanged power play goals earlier in the third period, knotting the game 3-3.

The Knights worked the face-off to perfection and with only 5.8 seconds left in the game, freshman Boris Canzano scored to win the game.

Canzano also scored the go-ahead goal at the 13:45 mark of the final period. Juniors Dan Zukas and Rory Deane assisted on each power play tally.

"You wouldn't think we would be in this position if you saw the first period because we came out lethargic and Cabrini took advantage," ULS head coach Robb McIntyre said. "I told the guys between the first and second period they have to pick up the pace and regain that edge they have been playing with the past few weeks."

"I was proud of the guys because they really played a great second and third period."

The Monarchs Daniel Sekerak and Kyle Astalos scored within the first seven minutes of the game to take a 2-0 lead.

It stayed that way until



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Freshman Boris Canzano scored the game-winning goal to lift University Liggett School's boys' hockey team past Allen Park Cabrini.

Deane unloaded a rocket blast that beat goalie Ryan Adams with 8:07 left in the second stanza. Freshman David Gushee earned an assist.

Junior Tripp Damman tied it 2-2 with a goal at the 4:37 mark of the second period. Senior Drew Amato and Zukas had the assists.

Canzano's first goal gave the Knights a 3-2 lead, but the Monarchs tied it at the 6:53 mark.

Junior David McIntyre earned another win as the Knights' starting goaltender.

"We need to play the way we did in the final two periods throughout the remainder of our games," McIntyre said. "This is the time of year I like the most, as playoff pressure is creeping up on us."

"I know our guys will be ready for the playoffs."

ULS improved to 7-13 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get split in MIHL Showcase

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team split its two games in last weekend's Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase at Trenton Arena.

"We played some pretty good hockey in each game, but only came away with a split," head coach Scott Lock said.

In their first game, the Norsemen beat Livonia Stevenson 5-2 as senior Justin Kovacs led the way with two goals. Seniors Jimmy Tocco and John Neveux also tallied.

Senior Eric Rohrkemper earned the win, stopping 24-of-26 shots.

He was also in net against Novi Catholic Central, which was a 5-1 loss.

"The final score is a little deceiving," Lock said. "We trailed 2-1 after two periods, but hit the post in the final few seconds of the second period and really dominated it."

"We could have skated into the third period with a lead and CC didn't ice the game until getting two late break-away goals as we tried to press a little more to try to get the tying goals."

Senior Scott Brown had the Norsemen's lone goal with Kovacs and junior Matt Lucchese drawing assists.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 5-4 in the MIHL and 12-7-1 overall.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North freshman Scott Dornbrock played well during the Norsemen's two MIHL Showcase games against Livonia Stevenson and Novi Catholic Central.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fit to be tied

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the fifth time this season, the Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team played a tie game.

This time, it was a 2-2 outcome against Dearborn Divine Child last weekend at U-M Dearborn Ice Arena.

"We worked our tail off and played a strong game, but couldn't get the go-ahead goal and settled for another tie," head coach Bob Bopp said. "This is a great group of guys who are very coachable, but we're not where we want to be."

"We have four games left to get on a roll we have been looking to do all season."

Neither team scored in the first period, but the Blue Devils struck with two goals early in

the second period.

Brian Auty scored 37 seconds in with Jimmy Morris and Keith Sklarski getting assists.

A little less than a minute later, Kelly Odonnell-Daudlin scored with Mac Sterr and Max Corbett drawing the assists.

"Brian's goal was a great second effort scoring on the backhand and Kelly was determined and did some great work in front of the net to score," Bopp said. "In the game, the line of Kelly Odonnell-Daudlin, Mack Sterr and Eric Marshall was our best line."

"They played with a lot of energy and played every shift on the ice."

The Falcons came back with goals at the 9:48 and 8:48 mark

of the second period to force the tie.

Each team had scoring chances in the third period and overtime, but each goalie made the key saves to keep it a 2-2 game.

Brett Johnson made the start, stopping 22 shots.

"Brett, as well as everyone, played a great game," Bopp said. "The players gave the effort needed to win and if they continue to play like they did in this one, we are going to do well in our last four games."

South is 3-2-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 7-8-5 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a home game Saturday, Feb. 21, against Saline, and an away game Wednesday, Feb. 25, against Woodhaven.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Directors give financial help to baseball players

Although Babe Ruth League Baseball is not currently providing a community baseball league, its directors will provide financial support for Grosse Pointe boys or girls that would like to play baseball during the 2009 season.

Babe Ruth League of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe Baseball Foundation have teamed up to provide financial resources for Grosse Pointe residents that are in need of financial help to make this activity available for their family member.

They are making this assistance available to all three of the Little League organizations that support Grosse Pointe residents.

It is open to players of all ages.

"The donation will allow the organization to help ballplayers pay upwards of \$100 of the registration fee."

The directors realize that with the tough economy and other related issues, the entry fee may provide a hardship for a family that is without a job or experience other financial difficulties.

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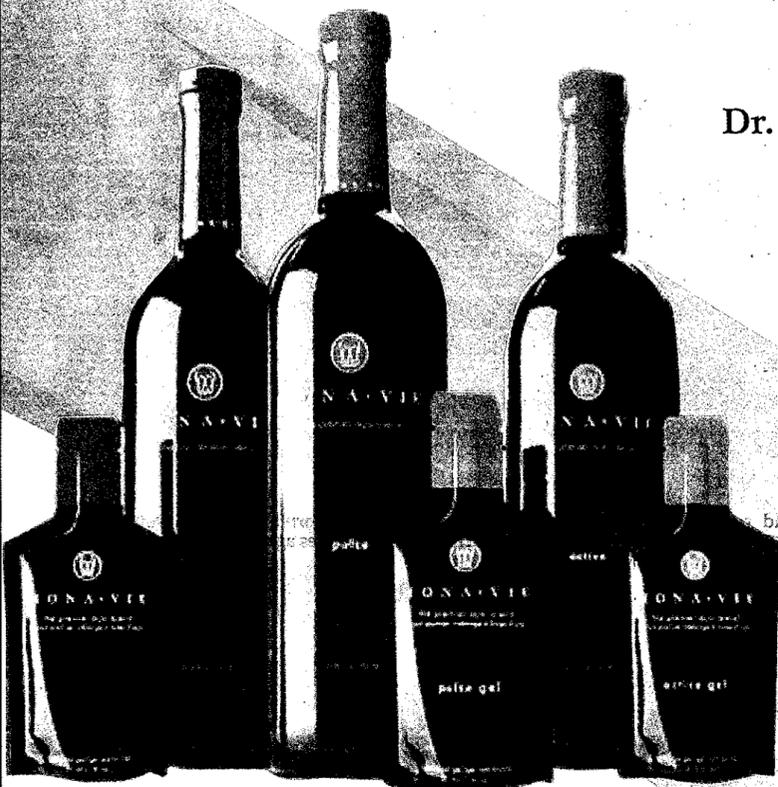


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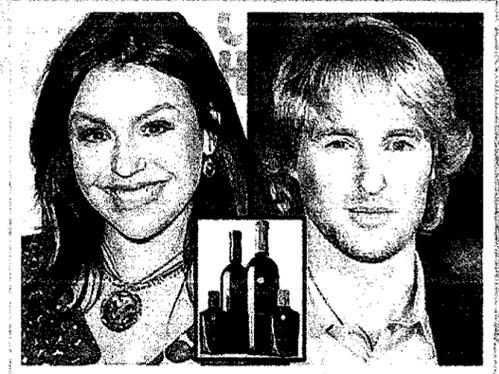


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College signings



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Off to Dartmouth

Grosse Pointe South senior Emma Brush signed a letter-of-intent to attend Dartmouth College and play for its women's soccer team under the tutelage of head coach Angie Hind. The Big Green finished 8-6-2 overall and 2-4-1 in the Ivy League in the fall. Brush is an All-State Second Team midfielder who helped the Lady Blue Devils win a district title and advance to the regional finals last spring. Taking part in the ceremony were, standing from left, father, George; mother, Mary Ann, and South girls soccer head coach Gene Harkins; and Brush, sitting.



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Running at U-D Mercy

Grosse Pointe South senior Edwin Gay signed a letter-of-intent to attend the University of Detroit Mercy and run for its men's cross country, as well as indoor and outdoor track and field teams next season for Guy Murray. Gay was one of the state's top cross country runners during the fall season and will be one of the top long distance runners for the track team this spring. Taking part in the ceremony were, standing from left, father, Richard; mother, Ann Marie; and South boys cross country head coach Tom Wise; and Gay, sitting.

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RULES: Reshuffle six letters to form a new word. If a word is given, find an anagram of that word. Place letters in boxes next to shuffled letters. After all six words are solved, find new 6-letter words shuffled in the six columns or two diagonals.
HINT: There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Can you find 12 words? Happy Hunting!

T	H	R	S	S	O						
C	R	A	B	H	E						
L	C	E	C	D	Y						
B	S	M	E	S	O						
W	L	Y	E	A	E						
D	I	M	E	R	A						

Last Weeks Puzzle Solved
Col. 1: STILTS
Col. 2: CHORES
Col. 3: DONEES
Col. 5: ENTICE
Col. 6: CHARDS

L	E	D	G	E	R
I	S	S	U	E	D
T	R	E	N	C	H
S	C	E	N	I	C
T	H	O	R	N	S
S	O	N	A	T	A



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*Payment based on 10,500 miles per year lease with \$3269.58 out of pocket money. Payment based on \$500.00 Ford RCL/RCO Renewal rebate to dealer. 6% use tax, \$595.00 Acquisition fee in payment. Plus plates. No Security Deposit required. 36 Month lease through FMC, per approval at FMC, not all buyers will qualify. Offer valid at time of printing. Option to purchase price at end of lease is \$10,952.00, .15 cents per mile penalty for miles over 31,500. Must take delivery from dealer by 3/2/09.

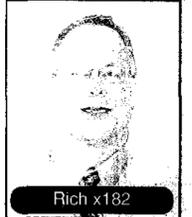
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Interest Rate

MSRP **\$21,775⁰⁰****

A/Z Plan Discount Price **\$19,539⁷⁷****



Carol x238



Rich x182



Mike x221



Ted x299



Joe x224

2009 FORD FUSION SE

SMOKESTONE, DARK CHARCOAL CLOTH
BUCKET, 2.3L I4 ENGINE, 5-SPEED
AUTO TRANSMISSION,
P205/60R16 ALL
SEASON TIRES,
SUN & SEEK VALUE
PKG., POWER
MOONROOF, SYNC
VOICE ACTIVATED SYSTEM.



Stk# H1616

MSRP **\$22,700⁰⁰**

A/Z PLAN PRICE **\$19,862⁴⁹****

2009 FORD FUSION SE

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BUCKET, 2.3L I4 ENGINE, 5-
SPEED AUTO
TRANSMISSION,
P205/60R16 ALL
SEASON TIRES,
REVERSE SENSING.



Stk# H1516

MSRP **\$22,070⁰⁰**

A/Z PLAN PRICE **\$19,787⁷⁷****



Dan x222



Angelo x220



Greg x124

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SMOKESTONE, DARK CHARCOAL CLOTH
BUCKET, 2.3L I4 ENGINE, 5-SPEED
AUTO TRANSMISSION,
P225/50R17V RATED
TIRES, MOON &
TUNE VALUE PKG.
POWER MOONROOF.



Stk# H1472

MSRP **\$23,840⁰⁰**

A/Z PLAN PRICE **\$20,985⁴⁹****

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VAPOR SILVER, DARK CHARCOAL CLOTH
BUCKET, 2.3L I4 ENGINE, 5-SPEED
AUTO TRANSMISSION,
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BRUSHED ALUM
RADIO SURROUND,
18" ALUMINUM WHEELS,
SPORT TUNED SUSPENSION, LIP SPOILER,
MOON & TUNE VALUE PKG., POWER MOONROOF.



Stk# H1768

MSRP **\$25,150⁰⁰**

A/Z PLAN PRICE **\$22,082⁷⁷****



Bob x128



Mary x131



Jerry x126

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TUXEDO BLACK, DARK CHARCOAL
CLOTH BUCKET, 3.0L 4V V6
DURATEC ENGINE,
6-SPEED AUTO
TRANSMISSION,
P225/45R18 TIRES,
SPORT APPEARANCE
PKG., LIP SPOILER,
18" ALUMINUM WHEELS, MOON & TUNE VALUE PKG.,
POWER MOONROOF, NAVIGATION SYSTEM, REVERSE SENSING.



Stk# H2256

MSRP **\$27,185⁰⁰**

A/Z PLAN PRICE **\$23,830⁷⁰****

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Paul is the proud father of Jim (20 yrs.) and Stephanie (15 yrs.). Paul resides in Harrison Township and enjoys bike riding and playing the guitar. This quote from Paul says it all... "I'm very excited to rejoin my friends at Roy O'Brien Ford, it feels good to come home."

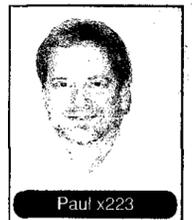
Give Paul a call or stop in and say HI!
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Loren x229



Dave x144



Paul x223

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